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PREFACE OF WM. P. UPHAM

Who Copied These Records

Salem—May 31, 1871

The following Copy of the first book of records of Wenham has been made by me under the direction of the town authorities of Wenham and at the special request of Mr. Wellington Pool, the present Town Clerk, whose intimate acquaintance with the history of Wenham has enabled him to render me valuable assistance.

The Copy contains all that there is in the original record book, arranged, for convenience of reference in chronological order. The original paging, however, is given in the margin in order to enable anyone consulting the Copy to know the relative position in the original book of each part of the record, and also to refer easily from the Copy to the original.

The original record is much worn and in some places difficult to read. One of the original covers is lost; and also one leaf; but it appears to have been a blank leaf.

Paging

The book was paged by William Rogers, Town Clerk in 1717, the pages being numbered from the beginning and from the end of the book; and in the middle of the book, where the one series of paging meets the other, he made the following entries:

"There is in this book one hundred and sixty-five pages till it cometh to the turning the other end upward—in the year 1716/17; and for the last six year past.

"William Rogers Town Clerk."

"There is in this end of the Book to this place eighty seven pages till it comes to the turning the other end upwards on this.

March the 15th 1716/17:

William Rogers Town Clerk.

The wholl in the Booke is 252 pages."

The paging from the end of the book when referred to in the Copy is indicated by a line written over the number.

Everything in the Copy which is not in the original is written in italics, except the Index.

The spelling and punctuation of the original has been strictly followed in the copy. Interlined words are indicated by being inclosed between perpendicular lines, and doubtful words by being inclosed between brackets.. . .

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(Some miscellaneous entries that could not well be placed in chronological order will be found at the end of the copy (Vols.)).

(The index contains every name found in the record and is also a general index of places and of subjects.)

On the second page from the end of the book are some entries written in Dutch, apparently a list of property owned by some Dutch merchant, and dated July 14, 1650. This is not in the Copy.

On the outside page at the beginning of the book is written:

"A Towne
Booke
Anno Dom̃ 1653
January ye 3 Day"

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Twenty acres by the meeting house, given by Mr. Smith and Mr. Fiske.

* The 2 day of ye first month [1642]

There is given unto Wenham Twenty acres of ground being laid out of eyther side of ye meeting house. Ten acres given by Mr Smith out of his fearme & laid out by him beginning with the bounds at ye upper end of Phinehas Fiske Lott & soe to ye swampe: & the other Ten acres given by Mr John Fiske being laid out Joyneing to it on ye other side of ye meeting house:

Tenure of land about the meeting house.

It is ordered & agreed upon at this our meetinge yt such as have any ground graunted of that which is given to ye Towne which lyes about ye meetinge house, such shall come and live upon it themselves, & if not to lay it downe to ye plantation, & if any shall build upon it &c & after remove themselves & make sale of the same it is ordered that the Plantation shall have the first profare & give there answere in a short time before they make sale of it to any other.

12 Day of ye 3mo 1643.

There is graunted Two acres of Grownd by ye meeting house to Mr Hubbard for ye easement of his family upon ye conditions specified in ye former Order.

Grant of two acres, by the meeting house, to Mr. Hubbard

13 Day of ye 9mo (43)

It is ordered & Joyntly agreed yt whosoever of this towne shall receauie into his family upon and pretence whatsoever any Inmate from out of any other Towne the master of ye said family shall give notice thereof unto such of our Towne who are Selectmen within one weeke after the comeing of any such a one into his house upon ye forfeiture of Twenty shillings & in cause the partie shall not be allowed by ye Towne there to abide or elsewhere within ye liberties of ye Plantation that then the said person, who beng in or receaive into his family the said inmate, to procure such good & sufficyent securitie to lay in unto the Towne as they shall like of for the discharge of the toune of any Inconveniences or damage as may be liable to accrue unto this towne in the future by reason of any such act, & in default thereof the said person shall forfitt for every weeke any such inmate shall bide under his roff the vallew of five shillings per weeke unto the Towne to be paid in upon demand to the constable for the use of the Towne aforesaid, & upon default the constable to have power to distraine therefore according as in other causes touching distresses.

Order as to receiving strangers.

4 Day of ye 10mo 1643:

Esdras Rread is graunted Two acres by ye meeting house, according to ye former order specifyed.

Grant of two acres to Esdras Read

The 23 Day of ye 4mo 1644:

Richard Goldsmith have two acres graunted by the meeting house to dispose of which way he please.

Grant to Richard Goldsmith

Christopher Yougs have Two acres graunted by ye meeting house according to ye order made ye 2 day of ye 1mo 1642.

Grant to Christr. Young

(*Page 3)

* The 13 of ye 6mo 1664:

Grant to John Abby

It is agreed at this Towne meetinge that John Abby shall have all that wast ground which lyeth betwine ye end of the Lott which he live upon & the middows which belonge unto the Towne leaving a sufficient hyeway of a poles bredth most convenient.

(Highway)

Ye 28 of November 1644

Wolves

At this meeting it is agreed that whosoever in Wenham shall kill a wolfe shall be allowed him for every wolfe that he killeth Twenty shillings & such to be paid by ye constable & the constable to have it raised by a rate upon the Towne.

Ye 4 Day of December 1644.

Clerk of the Writs

William Fiske is made choice of for Clarke of ye writts in this Towne.

Constable

Phinehas Fiske is chosen constable for this following yeere.

Grand jury

Esdras Read chosen Grandjuryman.

Ye 24: of December (44)

Order as to trees upon the Common

It is agreed at this meetinge that none shall fell a tree upon the Comon & cut it out for any thinge, to sell it out of the Towne to any; if any doe soe it is agreed that for every tree made use on as aforesaid, shall forfit ten shillings.

Lots in the Neck

It is alsoe agreed that those that have any Lotts in ye neck have libertie from the Towne to inclose in a common field, with a strait fence from ye right hand of ye cart bridge unto ye river by Richard Dodges against Thomas Princes Lott. Provided a common hye drift way for catle & carting be left out at ye discression of Wm Fiske & John Fayerfeild.

Highway

Order as to putting cattle in Common Fields

It is agreed that no inhabitant in this Towne shall have libertie to put in any catle into any common feild wherein corne is growinge untill the corne be gathered out of ye field upon the penalty of Two shillings six pence per head of every head soe put in to be paid to ye owners of said feild by him who put or cause to be put in the said catle & the satisfying of the dammage done in the said feild by such catle according as shall be Judged by Two Indifferent men.

14 of July (45)

William Fiske made choice of for Grandjury man for the following yeere.

Grand jury

(*On the inside of the cover at the end of the book*)
[*Torn off*] *ing* 19 : 4^{m} : 165[*3*]
[*Torn off*] was chosen
[*for the year? (Torn off)*] insuing to keep *the dogs out* of the meeting *hou*se: and if he doth it truly for every doge that he doth drive out he shall have six pence per yer for a doge.

Order about keeping dogs out of the meeting house

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*1653

*[at the end of the book]

Ingagements to goodman Haws about the mill.

Engagements about the Mill

Goodman Walldron 00—03—00
Phineas Fiske too days himself & too oxen.
Goodman Spaulding too days workes.
Richard Goldsmith a day & hallf.
John Rogers too days workes.
Goodman Kemp a day himself man & foure oxen.
Austayn Killam too days workes.
Mark Batshilder too days workes.
Sargent Foster a day worke.
John Aby a day & a hallf.
Richard Hutten a day himself & his catell.
Wilyam Gear a day.
John Fiske 00—05—00.

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* The forfiture due to the Towne this yeere taken up by Robt Gowing according to the towne order, Dated the 9 of Febuary 1653.

* page 1 (End of the book)

List of forfitures

Wm Fiske	3^{s}
Edward Kempe	5
Esdras Read	3
Sergent Foster	3
Dan Kilham	8
Richard Goldsmith	2
Edw: Waldinge	1
Tho: Fiske	2
Phineas Fiske	2
G: Moulton	3

Marke Batchelder	1
Mr. Gott	1
G: Geere	2
Goodman Spoldinge	6
Good: Hutton	3
Jo: Shipely	3

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Town Rate

* The Towne Rate made this year 1653 by Austen Kilham: William Fiske & Phineas Fiske.

The Rate— 6^{l}—14—6

Out of this Rate Phineas Fiske is to have	$2^{£}$–6^{s}–6^{d}
Wm Fiske is to have	1—2—5
Jo: Fiske	0–15—0
James Moulton	0–10—0
For the bell wch is behind paim^{t}	1–19—0
Mending the meeting house	0—1—6
	6–14—5

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College Rate Sums given

* Given to ye College: 1653

Mr. Fiske	13^{s}—	Rice Edwards	0–01—6
James Moulton	06—	Wm Singleton	0–03 0
Phineas Fiske	—06—	Jo: Fiske	0–05—0
Esdras Read	—05—	Neh: Howard	0–03—0
Richard Dodge	$2^{£}$–00—	Wm Gare	0–03—0
Edward Kemp	0–10—	Jo: Kilham	0–02—0
George Biam	0–05—	Richard Goldsmith	0–02—6
Robert Gowing	0–02—6	G: Spaldinge	0–02—0
Tho: Fiske	0—03—	Wm Fiske	0–10—0
Danl Kilham	0–02—6	Austen Kilham	0–06—0
Edmund Patch	0–03	G. Rogers	0–00—6
Jo: Shipley	0–02—6	Sam Foster	0–02—0

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Commissioner

Selectman

Grand jury

County Rate

Clerk of the Writs

* This 6 of August 1654:—

Mr. Gott is leaguly chosen commissionr & Cellect man: & James Moulton Graininury man.

John Fisk chosen to Joyn with the Celect men to make the Country Ratte.

Tho Fiske chosen Cleirke of the writts.

It is Also ordered at this town metting that the highway that is begun in the great midows shall be finished by the thirte*enth* day of this present month & whosoever shall then be defective shall pay the Damag that is Receaved by any for want herof. Highway at the Great Meadow

Samuel Foster is made choic of the keep an ordinary; Innkeeper (Ordinary)

Att this town metting this 7th of November 1654 John Fiske chosen Constable: Constable
Phineas Fiske Celect man Selectman
Thomas Whitt for Juery of Trialls Jury of Trials
& Wm Gear commissioner to end small causes. Commissioner

At this town meeting this first of Janeuary 1654 Phineas Fiske & Mr Charles Gott & John Fiske are leagaly chosen for Celect men for this folowing yere: Selectmen

Allso: Mr. Gott & Phineas Fiske & William Gear are chosen to be commissioners to end small causes for this following yere Commissioner

Allso: Thomas Fiske is chosen Sirveyr of the pound & to have four penc for every impounding & John Fiske is chosen Clerk of the Market. Surveyor of the Pound; Clerk of the Market

* Also it is ordered at this our meeting that all Generall fences shall bee set up by ye first of April next. (* page 7)

It: Robert Hawes & Edward Walderne a chosen Sirveiors of fences. Surveyors of Fences

It is Allso ordered yt by ye last of present month every inhabitant within this towne shall make full paiment to Mr. Fiske in manner and matter ye full sume wch they were Rated for ye yeere now past & in case any person shall be defectine John Fiske hath heerby granted him full power to distraine for ye satisfying ye said ingeagment & for every ones discharge they are to bring a discharge from Mr. Fiske unto ye aforesaid John. Minister's Rate

James Moulton & Richard Huton are chosen Sirveyers of ye high wayes. Surveyors of Highways

It is ordered that every inhabitant of this towne shall be liable to paye to ye kowe keeper for their chattells hearding whither they will put them to ye keeper or not Cow keeper

unless they put them out of the town to keepe or keepe them in their own inclousers.

The 6 of 12 mo: 1654.

Minister's maintenance

It is ordered yt ye yeerely maintainance of our minister shall be fortie pounds a yeere whither Mr Fiske staye & setell amongst us or we procure another.

Committee to give Mr. Miller a call

Mr. Gott James Moulton & John Fiske are chosen to goe to Mr Miller to give him a caull to supply Mr Fisks plac in cause he leaveth us.

Lease of Redington farm

Robert Gowine & Thomas Fisk are chosen to goe & treate with Abraham Redington about ye procureing his Lease of his farme.

(* page 8)

Town Recorder (Clerk)

* This first daye of March 1655 |Thomas Fiske is appointed recorder by ye Celect*men*| there is graunted unto |sd| Tho: Fiske for recording of every towne order two penc per order.

Order as to Swine

Allso it is is ordered by the Celect men that all swine shall be yoaked that is to say all swine above a quarter of a yeere old to be yoaked with yoakes standing up 5 inches above there necks & if they be a year old to be 9 inches longe of each syde & all swine under a quarter old shall eyther be yoaked or ele there owners to paye the Dammage which is don by such swine & in cass any shall not observe this order shall forfit one shiling per swine unto whoever shall find any swine unyoaked, provided: it be after Leagall warning which shall be two dayes: this order to be in force on the tenth daye of April next ensueing.

Fences

It is also ordered that whoesoever shall not observe suficantly to repaire & maintaine all there fences by the first of April next insueing according to the former order made: the first of Januery 1654: shall be liable to paye doubell Dammage which any shall receive by reason of such defective fences.

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14 October 1655.

Constable

Robert Hawes chosen Constabel

Grand Jury

Austen Killim chosen for granieurey man for the following yeere.

Samuel Foster Petie Jureyman for the Court following. Petit Jury

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31 December 1655.

Mr. Got Phinehas Fiske Robert Gowin are leagally chosen for Commissioners for this following yeere. Commissioners

*Mr Got Phinehas Fiske & Richard Hutton are chosen to be Celect men for the following yeere. (*see page 9) Selectmen

Whereas Great Dammage hath bine don to ye Great midow by Cattells feeding of it it is therefore ordered that Every inhabitent of this towne who hath midow therein & is thereby concerned in the Case shall make or cause to be made ther proportions of the fenc—that is to say two Rayles or equelant thereunto by the |8th| day of Aprill next Insueing upon the forfit of 12^{d} per poalt for every person neglecting the same: & the Celect men have herby power Graunted them to doe it or cause it to be don & to give the forfit which is 12 per poall to whoesoever will doe it—& James Moulton Richard Hutton Samuell Foster Daniel Killim & Thomas Fiske are chosen to proportion the above said fenc & Richard Hutton & Thomas Fiske are chosen to aquaint those of Salem who have midow in the great midow & if they refuse to doe it, then the aforesaid men Richard & Thomas have power Granted them to deall with them according to Lawe. Fences at the Great Meadow

* It is ordered that in case Mr Brock be procured to staye amongst us whatsoever the towne hath ingaged or shall be levied upon any land shall be paid two third parts in wheat barley or peas butter or porke & the other third parte in indian corne—& Mr. Got Phinehas Fiske & John Fiske are chosen to receive in the paye for Mr Brocks use. (*Page 10) Mr. Brock

5th June 1656—

At this Towne Meeting John Fiske is chosen for to serve in the Jury of Trialls the next Courte at Salem. Jury of Trials

Also James Moulton & Thomas Fiske are chosen for Sirvey^{rs} for ye following yeere. Surveyors

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6th of January 1656—

Mr. Gott Phinehas Fiske Richard Hutton are leagaly chosen for Celect men for this yeere following:

It: Mr. Gott Phinehas Fiske & Robert Gowing are chosen for Commissioners for this yeere following.

Titles of Lands to be Certified and Recorded

Whereas there are severall percals of lands in the bounds of our Town which are holden by severall persons by Doubtful Titles its therefore ordered: that the Celect men anually chosen shall hereby be impowered to take Notic of all titles of lands that shall by any person be brought to there knowledg & allow of the same: & to certifie the same to the Recorder who is impowered to Record the same |*Grant & Grantee| all which lands being so Recorded shall be accounted a leagall title to all such lands.

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Fences

Also its ordered: that all fences within our Towne shall be sufficantly Repaired & made viz: a sufficant fine raill fenc or equivelant thereunto: by the first day of Aprill next & whoever shall not observe to Repaire there fences as aforesaid shall forfit six penc per poall for every dayes neglect & the said forfiture to returne to the vewers of fences:

Fence Viewers

It: Phinehas Fiske Austen Kilham & Wm Rayner are chosen for vewers of fences for this following yeere.

Order as to Swine

It is ordered: that all swine shall be sufficantly yoked & ringed or elc shutt up by the first day of Aprill next: & so to continue yoaked & ringed untill a fortnight after Micklmas daye next insueing & whoever shall not observe ye said order shall forfit six penc per swine for every one thats found unyoaked & ringed:

After 3 dayes warning given them by Henery Kemball & Jo: Powling who are impowered to looke to ye observanc of the abovesaid order & to take the forfiture & if the said Henerys or John Powlings swine shall not be yoaked & ringed according to the above said order they shall be liable to the same forfiture to whom soever taketh them unyoaked & ringed after due notic given them.

* Att a Towne meeting this 6 of 12 mo: 1656. (*Page 12)

its ordered that whereas the Towne hath takne into Consideration the great wante of a Minister amongst us its therefore ordered: that Mr. Gott & James Moulton is hereby chosen to Endeav^r to procure a minister & to present him with the promise of 45^£ per yere for his yerely maintainanc

Order as to procuring a Minister

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* At a towne meeting on ye 8th of November 1657.— (*Page 16)

there is agreed by a unanimous consent of we whose Names are underwritten that Mr. Newmans payment for this present yeere shall be as followeth: viz: for the sume & for maner: to be paid one halfe in wheat or equivalent thereunto & the other halfe in Indian Corne at marchants pric:—

Rate for Mr. Newman

	£ s		£ s
Richard Kemball	×3—0—	Mark Batchelder	×1–10—
James Moulton		Jo. Batchelder	×0–15—
Sen. & Jun.	×5—0—	Robert Gowing	×1—5—
Tho: Fiske	×2—5—	Richard Gooldsmith	1–10—
Jo: Fiske	×3–00—	Robert Gowing	1—5—
Henry Kemball	×1–07—	Richard Goldsmith	×1–10—
Austen Kilham	×1–10—	Jo: Powling	×1—6—
Daniel Killim	×2–00—	Tho: White	×2–00—
Mr. Gott	×2–00—	Jo: Soolard	×2–05—
Richard Hutton	2—5—	Francis Uselton	1–14—
Jo: Rogers	×0—8—		
Jo: Killim	×1–10—		42–19—
Henery Hagett	×1—4—	*Richard Dodge and	
Jo: Abey	×1–05—	Robert Cobrun	4–00—
Edward Walderne	×1–00—	Edmond Patch	0–06—
Phineas Fiske	×3–00—	Humphery Gilbert	1–00—
		Charles Uzelton	0–05—
		Edward Cobrun	1—0

* These six names entered on the opposite page (p. 15) of the original

The wheat and what is equivelent thereunto within three weeks: at Goodman Moltons and the indian upon Demand of those that are deputed to gather in the said payment.

* Also James Moulton & Thomas Fiske are chosen to gathere in the foresaid contribution for Mr Newmans use. (*page 17)

Constable
Jury of trials
Grand Jury

James Moulton chosen Constable for this following yere. Jo Fiske to serve on the Jury of trials at ye Next Court: & Robt Gowin Grain-jury man for this following yere.

The 4th 11 mo: 57—

Selectmen

At this towne metting Mr. Gott Phinehas Fiske & Richard Kemball chosen for Celect men for this following yeer:

House &c.
for
Mr. Newman

It: there is also unanimasly voated that ye towne shall allowe towards Mr Nemans house the sume of fortie pounds sterling & ten pounds more towards the procureing of other accomadations.

(*page 3)

* 6th: 8 mo: 58

Stray cattle

James Moulton Junior takn up a straye yerling prized: at 26 shillings.

Marke Batchelder takn up a straye Ass prized at 35s—10: 8 mo: 58:

(*page 6)

Cow keepers
agreet wht
them

* Articles of Agreement between ye towne & John Soolard & James Moulton Junr for their keeping ye Towne heard for this following yeere viz: to Begin on the first day Aprill Next & so to Keepe them untill Micklmase daye Beginning every morning at sun an houre high to drive out ye heard; & to Bring them hom at sun halfe an houre high at night faithfully & truely endevoire |to Keep them| or to do ther best| according to ye abovesd time or elc to cause them to be Kept by a sufficant man in there Absenc For which Covenant & Agreement on ye behalfe of ye abovesd parties to be performed: observd & don:= ye Towne doe hereby promise to paye to ym 13s per weeke :=viz one halfe in wheat & ye other halfe in Indian Corne onely what worke is paid according to Agreement to be accompted as one halfe wheat & ye other halfe in Indian=& ye Remainder of ye sume to be paid in marchertable wheat & corne as aforesd ye wheat at 8 weeks after Micklemas next & ye Indian on Crismas daye: at their houses: & James is to Blowe his horne every morning he driveth out ye heard: & John Soolard to have a

cow heard free: & they to have one to goe wth them untill they leave goeing into the Midows. 14th 1: mo. 58/59.

Charles Goff
Austen Killim
Richard Kemball

John OO Soolard
his marke
Tomos mouton

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* 3 of 11 mo: 1659

Austen Killim Richard Hutten & William Geare chosen for Selectmen for this following yeare. (*page 17) Selectmen

Its allso voated that ye towne shall make up what our Neighbrs shall Contribute to our Ministers maintenanc for this yeare 50£ to be paid by voluntarye inscription. Minister's Maintenance

Austen Killim & Marke Batchelder are impowered to Colect Mr Newmans contribution for the Last yeare: Mr. Newman's Payment

Richard Coye & Thomas Fiske are chosen to take an accompt of our Neighbrs what they will allow to our Ministers maintainanc & to Colect his said maintainanc for this yeare, *that is to say to Demand it in case of defect of payment & to distraine if need require & the towne doe Agree to paye in their ingagements at Mr. Newmans house on the first daye of February next Insueing. Minister's Maintainance (*page 18)

* Henery Herick & Samuell Corning are desired to meett with our Neighbrs of Wenham to goe in perambulation betwin Wenham & our towne & are hereby impowered to set the bounds according to lawe.—13: 12: 1660 Edmond Batter is the name of the Select men of Salem. Perambulation Salem Vote

That what is above entrd is a true entry of the order signd as above so. Attests Thos Sprko recorder

Henery Herrick & Samuell Corning being appointed to goe in perambulation with some of Wenham & soe to set bounds according to lawe did on the 14th of 12th mo: 1660 agree that the greate stumpe neere Leeches medowe & so markeing Bounds—Wenham & Salem

** Note—It seems that this record as to the bounds between Wenham & Salem should come after that of 11th of 12th mo: 1660 (See below page 26) It is entered here as found in the original. (W. P. U.)*

severall trees in the rang to the lower end of Lords farme to a white oake standing on the side of Alfords hill are the bounds.

Witness theire hands— Gonory Gorifo
Samuell Doxning

(*page 10)

* 24th of ye 12 month 1659:

Cow keeper

It is ordered & leagally voated that there shall be a Kowkeeper procured in case the Select men can doe it:

Its also ordered that all steers aged under three years shall paye to ye Kowe Keeper as other cattle & |all| ox[*en*] to paye for halfe: proportion:

Fences

It is also ordered yt all fences shall bee sufficiantly repaired & ma*de* |by the 15th of March next| viz. a fine rayll fenc or equivelent thereunto: upon the forfiting of three shillings per rod to be paid to Robert Gowin Richard Coye & Thomas Fiske who are hereby impowered to the vewing of the sd fences: whoe are impowered to take ye said forfitiers & forthwith to ca*use* it to be don.

Meeting House to be covered

Also it is ordered that ye meeting house shall forthwith be covered with Boards: & for the Defrayeing of the cost the Select men are impowered to make a rate for that end:

Order as to Swine

All swine shall eyther be yoaked |sufficien[tly]| or shutt up by the 15th of March next upon the forfiteing of 12d for every swine that shall be found Defective & Alexander Maxey & John Powland are to take the said forfit & to yoake the said swine sufficiantly.

Grant to Mr. Newman

There is Granted to Mr Newman a strip of the Towns Land for an inlargement to his yard: that is to saye so much as hee think fitt provided he preduice not the Country road: which is left to the Discreiton of John Fiske & Richard Coye to order

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22 of 1 mo: 1659/60

(*page 12)

Highway by Thos. Fiske's house

Its orderd yt there shall be a high waye from the Country high waye to Thomas Fisks house: & so from thenc to the waye leading to the Greate Meddow from Mr Newmans: according as it is & hath bin made use of.

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22 of March 1659/60

(*page 5)

Cowkeepers; Agreement with them

This Indentur made between John Killim & John Abeye on the one party & the Towne on the other parte Witneseth that ye Aforesaid John Killim & John Abey Doe by these presents covenant & Agree with the towne: yt they will Kepe the towne heard for this Sumer following viz. to Begine on ye Second Daye of Aprill Next faithfully to Keepe them untill Micklmase Daye following Beginning or Driveing out theire Cattle at |ye Sunn| ¾ of an houre high in the morning Dayly & to Bring them home: at Sunn ½ an houre high at Night & to take them every morning betwine Mr Browns Swampe & the Lane that Goeth to Thomas Fisks house: & also in Austen Killims yard: & to Blowe an horne at ye said plac[es] every morning sufficantly to give notic when they goe out & at night when they come home & in Case the said Keepers shall putt a Keeper in in thir absence it shall be a sufficant man upon ye forfiture of ther wages. The towne doe Ingeage likewise to them to paye them for thire servic 13 per weeke: in Corne viz one halfe wheate & the other halfe Indian Corne: by the 29th of December Next & the Corne & worke ingeaged to be paid at 3 dayes warning: Wittnese our hands:

John X Killim
his marke
John X Abey
his marke

1659

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Contributions for Mr. Newman

An Ingeagement of the town to Mr Newman for this present yeere.

Phinehas Fiske	2£x10s	to Content
Mr Gott	3×00	Corn or equivelent
Austen Killim	2×00	all Corne
Henery Kemball	1£x00	halfe corne
Richard Kemball	3×05	to Content
Richard Hutton	2×10	— —
Robert Gowin	1×00	— —
James Moulton Senr	3×00	to Content
John Dodg	2×15	: ⅓ part Corne
John Fiske	3×00	— —

Daniell Killam	1×10	— —
John Soolard	2×00	to Content
John Powling	1×05	in Corne
John Abey	1×05	corn & cattle
Marke Batchelder	1×05	to Content
Richard Goldsmith	1×05	Corne
James Moulton Junr	1×00	to Content
Alexander Maxey	1×02	— —
William Geare	1×05	— —
Edward Walderne	×1—00	— —
Henery Hagett	×1—05	— —
Jno Killim	1×05	— —
John Batchelder	×1—00	— —
Abner Ordwaye	×1—00	— —
Tho: White	×1—00	— —
Richard Coye	2×10	— —
Tho: Fiske	2× 5	— —

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* [ ] October 1660

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Meeting house

Its ordered that there shall be a new meeiting house Built 24 foott square & 12 foott stud: the old meeting house to be sold partly to defraye the Cost & the Select men are impowered to put it out to the Building [* *& to make the rate for the said house*].

* [ ] November 1660

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*Richar*d Kemball & Richard Coye are Chosen to Joyne with the Select men to put out the New Meetting house to the building & to make a rate [for] the said house.

* 4th of December 1660.

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Its ordered y^{t} if a new meetting house be built the old shall be sold partely to Defraye y^{t} said Cost: viz: as farr as it will goe:

Mr Gott Austen Killim & Richard Kemball are Chosen to act in the towns Behalfe eyther for the Building of a neew meeting house or elc for the repairing of the old which they |shall| thinke fittest=wch cost to be Defrayd according to the subscription made for the said worke onely as abovesaid the old house is to be sold for the New if they shall agree to Build it—alwayes provided that it be wholly finished except Seats makeing.

** One line cut (or torn) off at the bottom of the page in the original.*

*Austen Killim	0—10^{s}	(*page 1)
Phinehas Fiske	01—00	This List has no date but seems to be the "Subscription" referred to in the vote of Dec. 4, 1660
Henery Haget	00—05	
Goodman Moulton	01—10	
if the new	10	
Goodman Abey	00—08	
Goodwin Gowin	00—08	
Goodman Walderne	00—04	
Henery Kemball	00—10	
Goodman Ordway	01—00	
{to a new house		
{or to the old	00—04	
Goodman Powlin	00—10	
John Fiske	01—00	
Daniell Killim	01—00	
Richard Hutton	01—00	
Richard Coye	00—10	
James Moulton		
{to a new house	01—00	
{to the old house	00—02	
William Fiske	00—05	
Tho: Fiske	01—00	
*John Soolard		(*page 2)
{when the worke is Don		
{if before he remove	1$^{£}$—00	

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* 8th of 11 mo: 1660 (*page 12)

An. Town Meeting

Selectmen

Mr Gott Austen Kilham & Phinehas Fiske are Chosen for Selectmen for this following yeare: & are hereby impowered to Call town meettings & to hire a Cow Keeper or Keepers & to levey the Cost according to a former order.

Commissioners

Mr. Gott Phinehas Fiske & Robert Gowin chosen for Commissioners.

John Safford, Grant to

It is also ordered y^{t} in Case John Safford shall Com. amongst us as an inhabitant within 8 months & so Contine seaven years useing his trade he shall have all the towns Land [*near*] John Batchelders let it be more or less

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& in *case he* shall Goe aw*aye** before the aforesd time be expired then the said Land to returne to ye towne provided the towne allow him his Cost yt he shall Bestow on it.

Rate

Richard Kemball & Richard Coye are Chosen to Joyn with the Select men for perfecting of an old Rate formally made for the |Defrayeing of| severall towne charges.

Mr. Newman

Richard Coye & Tho: Fiske are chosen to See that Mr. Newman's contribution be paid in according to the inscription made to that end.

11th of 12 mo. 1660.

Meetg house

Its ordered that in Case the Comitie Chosen to transact the matter in the towns Behalfe for Building or repayreing the meeting house shall thinke meett to rapayre the said house the Cost shall be Defrayed by waye of rate made by the said Comitie:

Bounds of Salem & Wenham (See above, page 18)

Also Richard Hutton & Tho: Fiske are chosen to repaire to Salem for the perfecting of our Bounds Betwixt Salem & us.—

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* 4th November 1661.

Robt. Macklaflin

Robert Macklafflin is accepted a townsman.

An. Town meeting Selectmen

At a towne meetting 6th of 11th 1661 Mr. Gott John Fiske & Richard Kemball chosen Selectmen of this following yere.

Grant to John Abey & Edd Walderne

Granted to John Abey Senr & Edward Walderne Joyntly to them & to be eaqually divided betwine them all that towne land that lyeth betwine theire lotts & the highwaye that goes from the greate pond brooke to Edward Waldernes house leaving a sufficiant highwaye.

to R. Macklaflin

There is also granted to Robert Macklaflin a percill of lande be it more or less lying betwin Mr. Fiskes farme & Richard Kemballs joyning to Mr. Fiskes medow provided it exceed not two acres.

to J. Batchelder

Granted to John Batchelder twelve Rod of land joyning his howse provided it predjedice not the highwaye.

to E. Bridges

Granted to Edmund Bridges two acres of land out of that which was layd out to the meetting howse to be his

& his heires provided he staye in the towne fowre yeres & in Case he shall remove before the above said term be expired then the towne shall allowe him all his Cost that he shall bestowe upon it & the land to returne to the towne anything in this Grant notwithstanding unlese he the sd Edmond shall Dye within the said term, then the said land shall be his heires forever. (*page 20)

Also John Fiske & Thomas Fiske are impowered & Desired to laye out the aforesd Grants to John Batchelder & Edmond Bridges.

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13 of 11 mo: 1661

Its voated that Mr Newmans Contribution for this present year shall be Gatherd by waye of Rate: which Rate is to be made by the Select men & Richard Hutton and Thomas Fiske. Mr. Newman's Rate

The Select men together with Goodman Abey John Soolard, John Killim & Goodman Waldern are Desired to laye out a conveniant high waye from the Cart Bridg goeing over into the Neck to the towne Common. Highway

Its also voated that our Comon of 600 Akres lyeing beyond the Neck shall be Eaqually Devided betwixt the Inhabitants of the towne. Common of 600 acres

3 of 12 mo; 1661.

Its voated that the maj^r^ voate of the towne shall Determine of the maner how to devid the towne Comon as is aforementioned.

At a towne meetting 5th of 11 mo: 1662 An. Town Meeting

Austen Killim Goodman Moulton & Thomas Fiske chosen Select men for this following yeere: Selectmen

Also: its aggreed that Mr Newmans yeer for Contribution shall be accompted from Maye last: to be gatherd by waye of Rate made by the Select men & Richard Hutton & Daniell Killim. (*page 21) Mr. Newman's Rate

Its also orderd y^t^ our meeting house shall be repaired by ye first daye of July next Insueing viz: to board the out sids |& ends| & put in fowre Growndsils & lath the Inn sids & ends & make a wholl wall of claye: plasterd upon the laths |all| workmanlike: to which end Richard Meeting House

Kemball Jn° Fiske James Freind & Thomas Fiske are chosen to see y^t the worke be Done as abouesd—the towne being devided into fowre parts: & every squar darne amongst themselves to agree of a waye for the Doeing of the sd worke & in Case the severall Squarderns Cannot agree of a waye for there proportioning |eaqually| then the other three men Chosen shall & have hereby power to deside the sd Controversie & Whoesoever shall wholly Deserte the said worke to forfitt thirtie shillings to the rest of thire Company & whoever shall in parte Decline the sd worke to forfite 5^s per daye & the said forfits being Demanded whoever |being a Delinquent| shall refuse or neglect to paye them the aforesaid overseers have full power to sue for & recover the same or by the Constable Destraine for it.

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Meeting House

* 21 of August 1663

Wee have Agreed to Build a new Metting house & the Agreement for repaireing of the old house is hereby repeald & also have made choice of Richard Kemball Mr Gott Thomas White to Joyn with the Select men who together are impowerd to put out the Aforesd house to the Building acording to theire Discretion & for the Defrayeing of the Cost they are impowered to Sell the old house & parcill of land thereunto Belonging & to Except of w^t our Neighb^rs: shall Contribut to the Abovesd worke upon such terms as they think fitt & for the remainder of the Abovesd Cost they are impowerd to Assese it by Rate upon the inhabitants of our towne.

An. Town Meeting

This 4: Janu: 1663:—

Selectmen

Astin Killum Richard Kemball Thomas Fiske Chosen Select men for this following year.

Grant to John Solard

At a towne meeting on the 4 Janu: —63: the towne by a generall voate hath given unto John Solard a small parcell of land of aboute sixt[ie] rods adioning to the above said John Solards land: the land being a kind of a triangell bounded from the post of the sd Solards garden running a right line to the corner post of the sd John Solards fense on the other side:

Attendance at Town Meetings

Also it is Agreed that who ever shall for time to Com be defective in Aperin & continuing at Leagall town metings we say to Com at the Generall town Meting at nin A Clock & other town metings at time apoynted shall pay half a Crown for the defect in the Generall Meting & eighteen pence for every other such defect.

(*page 23)

Meeting house Rate

The 19th of ye 11th mo: 1663: there was a Rate made (by the Select men together with others Chosen to Joyne with them) for the carrying on of our meeting house & Assignd & Deliverd into the Constables hand to Gather |parte of it| the Rate being 80£:3–8: who by order from the Aforesd Raters is forthwith to Gather in the one halfe of it in wheate & Indian or els in such paye as shall Carry on the Abovesd worke.

Bounds, Salem & Wenham

This 19 Febuary 1663 at a Towne Meetting Thomas Fiske Richard Hutton & Thomas White are Chosen to goe in way of perambulation Betwene the towne of Salem & the towne of Wenham together with some of Salem whome they shall send: this to be done & perfected by the last of March next ensueing the date heareof:

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Grant to Mr. Newman

* At a generall towne Meeting the
29th of 12mo: 1663:
there is Granted to Mr. Newman all the towne land lyeing betwixt his Gardine & the swamp on the back side let it be more or lese together with the towns Interest in the sd swampe be it more or lese.

Common of 600 acres

Also its voated that the towne order made formerly for the Devision of the Comon of 600 Akers is hereby repealed.

Common lands

Also tis ordered & Agreed that all Comon lands whither swampe or upland shall be & is hereby Approperated onely to them that are now towne dwelers unles such as shall be accepted afterwards.

Lease of 200 acres to Ordway &c.

Also tis Agreed yt there shall be 200 Akers of land |of ye best| of our Comon Lea[*sed*] to fowre men for one thousand years viz. to Abner Ordway Tho: Sear[les]

John Edwards & Richard Kemball Juni^{r} they yielding & payeing to the towne severally for every fiftie Akers 5^{s} for the first yere & ten the 2^{d} yere & 15^{s} the 3^{d} yere & 20^{s} the 4th yere & 30^{s} the 5th yeere & 40^{s} for the 6th yere & so to paye yerely viz. 40^{s} per yere Duering the Above sd terme to which end there is Richard Kimball & Richard Hutton Thomas White & Tho: Fiske chosen to Compleate the Bargine with them or any others whom they shall Aprove of in our names & on our Behalfe.

Also all the Above sd Rent is to be paid yeerely for the use of the ministry amongst us:

(*page 15)
John Edwards
50 acres

* The Returne of land laid out to John Edwards.

In persueanc of an order of our towne 29th of the 12th 1663 for the leaseing out of 50 Acres of land to John Edwards &c: the Comitte impowerd hath bounded said 50 acres as followeth—viz: to begin at a Cleft of rocks by the edg of Pleasant or long pond on the Southerly syd from thenc to a heape of stones which heape of stones lyes Southwesterly from said Cleft & from the heape of stones Southeasterly to a red oake marked on foure sydes standing nere Turnup Swampe: & so on the brook which Runs in said swamp |taking the brooke for a bound| untill it Com to the aforsd pond takeing in |the one halfe of| a slip of medow which lyeth on the East end of said pond as also the one halfe |of| a parcill of medow and swampe which lyeth from the northerly sid of said pond to Ipswich lyne thirtie rod in bredth from the westerly syde of the brook that runeth out of sd pond to Ipswich Round pond.

(*page 16)
R. Kemball
&c. Lease
50 acres

* According to a town Act made on the 29th of the 12th month 1663: Richard Kemball Thomas White Richard Hutton & Thomas Fiske have in the Behalfe of the towne Leate out to Thomas Searles John Edwards & Richard Kemball Juni^{r} to each of them |theire heirs & Assigns| fiftie Akers of land Being parte of the towne Comon of 600 Akers for one thousand yeers according to the said order: to the performance whereof wee |the said| Thomas Searles John Edwards & Richard Kemball Doe Bind our selves our heirs Executors Administrators

& Assigns in witnes whereof we have heare unto sett our hands:—

Marke
John ∨ Edwards
his
Richard Kemball
marke ⌐
Thomas Searles

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* The [3d] of January 1664— (*page 23)

An. Town Meetg.

Mr Gott Richard Kemball & Thomas Fiske Chosen for Select men for the following yeere.

Selectmen

Highways

Its also ordered that the Select men shall laye out acording to theire dicretion wt high wayes they think nessesary for the use of the towne.

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* 1 of January 1665:— (*page 24)

An. Town Meetg

Richard Kemball Richard Hutton & Tho: Fiske Chosen for Select men for the following yeere.

Selectmen

Mr Newman agreet as to his yearly contribn

Whereas there was a former ingagment to Mr Newman by a letter & the said ingagement seemingly suffering an objection to be made whither our Negbrs were intended in the said ingagement or no: & not being able to the satisfaction of all to Determine the said question doe now by our vote declare that wee will paye or cause to be paid to Mr Newman for his yeerly Contribution: the Sum̃ of fiftie pounds together with wt elc hath bin ingeaged viz: wood: which fiftie pounds are by our selves & Neighbrs |is| Joyntly paid in good kinde & for the time to Come the Rate for the abousd Contribution shall be made sometime in the eight month from yere to yere & wholly to be cleared by every person by the first, second daye in January from time to time: |also| Duely & Carefuly to carry him in two pounds of butter for every milch Kowe: to be paid by midsum̃er daye from time to time |as part of the said Some| & for the present yeere Jeremiah Watts & Marke Batchelder are Chosen to Colect Mr Newmans Contribution & see that every mans Rate be discharged by the first Daye of February next & in

cass of non or defective payment the said Colecters together with the Constable are to destrayn upon his or theire goods for payment.

Mr. Newman's Rate

Goodman Abey Sen^ir & John Clarke are Chosen to Joyn with the Select men to make Mr Newmans Rate for this yeere.

(*page 25)

Austen Killim Exchange of land

* Its voated that Austen Killim shall have all that Land more or less that lyeth betwixt his farme & meadow upon Condition that the towne shall forever Injoy all that parcill of land which the meeting house stands upon being about 30 poalls: more or less from the Northwest Corner of the said meeting house upon a lyne to |ye Northeast corner of| Mr Newmans leantoo betwixt that lyne & his ditch: except a passage from his barrs Directly to the high waye.

Meet^g house

marke
Austen ⌶ Killim
his

Grant to Richd Goldsmith Highway

Also: there is Granted to Richard Gooldsmith all that land betwixt the head of his lott & Mr Brownes meadow except such a high |way| as the Select men shall see Cause to laye out.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Jeremiah Watts is Chosen for to be the towne Sealer to Seiz waights & measurs: till another be Chosen.

Surveyors of Highways

Also the Select men together with Goodman Soolard & old Goodman Abey (who is chosen Sirvey^rs:) are impowered to see to the Repairing of all County & towne highwayes in the towne & are hereby impowered to Call together the Inhabitants of the towne to y^t end & whoever shall not attend the worke upon three dayes warning to com at sun an howre high in the morning shall for a dayes defect forfite five shillings to be paid to the said overseers for the use of the towne & 12^d for one hours defect to be gathered by the Constable by order from the Select men so to doe.

(*page 26)

* Its also agreed that the wholl towne shall both them selves & oxen carts or sleads according as the season serves: shall come together on ye next Mondaye if the season be fitt if not then the next Mondaye after if it be seasonable if not then the next fitting daye & upon defect

every such person shall for their defects be entered upon the Ministers Rate according to the Ratters Descretion.

The 7th of 11th mo: 1666

An. Town Meetg Selectmen

Mr. Gott Richard Kemball & Thomas Fiske Select men for this following yeere.

Surveyors

Jeremiah Watts & Daniell Killim Chosen for Sirveyrs for this following yeere.

9th of 11th mo 1665:

Mr. Newman

At a generall towne meeting leagally warned to agetate about a deferance betwixt Mr Newman & the towne concerning our Ingeagment to him by a letter about 3 years sinc sent to him: it was put to the voate whither the majr parte of Inhabitants should Determine the said diferanc: it was Clerely Voated on the affirmitive: acordingly it as attended & put to the Voate whither they judged that the said ingeagment did oblidge the inhabitants to performe it amongst them selves the outsiters exempted & twas by the said Voate Determined on the Negative.

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Rate

* Delivered to the Constable a Rate for our Pastrs Contribution Bearing Date 23d of Novemr 1666 Amounting to the Sume of 55£: 14s: 11d—this 3d of 2d mo: 67—

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* 8th of November 1667:

(*page 27)

Rate

Richard Huttn & Walter fairfield chosen to Joyne with the Select men to make our minister's Rate for the present yeere.

Constable

James Moulton Junr chosen for Constable for the following yeere.

Jury men

Marke Batchelder chosen for to serve on the Graind Jury & Richard Kemball Chosen for Jury of tryals.

5th of 11th mo: 1667.

Am. Town Meeting

Selectmen

Stocks &c.

Mr Gott Richard Kemball Senir & Thomas Fiske are Chosen for Select men for the following yeere, to act acording to Lawe & to provid stocks & pound weights & measurs—

Mr. Newman's Rate

Charles Gott Juni^{r} is chosen to Joyne with the Deacon to gather in Mr Newmans: Contribution |for this yeere| according to Rate & in Cass of Defect of payment by any person or persons according to a former order the said Colectors have full power given y^{m} to sue for it & recover it according to Lawe: they or eyther of them have the said power:

Surveyors

Daniell Killim & John Killim are chosen for Sirvey^{rs} to see that all high wayes within the towne be sufficantly Repaired upon Leagall warning given by y^{m} to the town Inhabitants: from time to time acording to theire descretion: *& upon Defect of any person or persons according to the true intent of this order every such person shall forfit five shillings per daye.

(*page 28)

At a towne meeting on the 8th of 4 mo: 1668

Selectmen

Walter Fairfield is Chosen Select man for this Instant yeer untill our towne meeting in January next.

23th of 8th mo: 1668.—

Minister's Rate

Richard Huttn & John Clarke is Chosen to Joyne with the Select men to make our ministers Rate for this Instant yeere & to proportion to every man his share of wood according to the towns Ingeagment & every person in the towne is to see y^{t} theire due & full proportions be [don] at or before ye last day of the next month upon the forfiture of double the pric or worth of theire said parte: & the said Defect or fines to be added by the Select men to their Rate & John Abey Seni^{r} & James *Bette & Alexander Maxey is Chosen to see to the wood Caryeing & they are desired to give in an account to the Select men.

Constable

Daniell Gott Chosen Constable for the following yeere.

* The 6th of 11th mo: 1668

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An. Town Meeting

John Fiske Marke Batchelder & Tho: Fiske Chosen for Select men for this following yeere.

Selectmen

* *written thus* [b e t t v]

Walter Fairefield & Richard Huttn chosen for Sirvey^{rs}: for ye High wayes for this followeing yeere

Surveyors

Walter Fairefield Richard Kemball & Richard Huttn

are Chosen to Joyne with the Select men to perfit the Devisionall lyne Betwixt Basriver & our towne. Bounds between (Beverly) Bass River & Wenham

James Moulton Seni^r & Jerimiah Watts are Chosen to Colect Mr Newmans Rate & Whosoever shall not paye his proportion according to the said Rate by the first daye of February next it shall be the duty of the said Colectors to Returne the Rate to the Select men who shall Direct it by warant to the Constable to be Gathered forthwith according to Lawe— Mr. Newman's Rate

Walter Fairefield Charles Gott & Thos. Fiske are |Chosen &| impowered to Demand Sue for & Recover the Remainders of the Rates due to Mr. Newman [unles] for this Instant yeere.

Thomas White Tho: Patch & John Abey Juni^r are chosen Sirvey^rs to oversee the Comon that no trespas be don in our timber by any stranger in falling & carying any of it awaye & to have one halfe of the trespas for their care & paines & the other halfe they are to returne to the Select men for the towns use. Surveyors for the Common

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* 30 of 1 mo: 69 (*page 24)

Its ordered that all fences both generall |& partickulaire| within the limits of our towne shall be sufficiantly Repaired by the 10th of the next month that is to saye to be a sufficiant foure Rayle fenc or equivalent thereunto: & so to be kept from time to time untill the 15th of October next upon the forfiture of five shillings for every Gap not exceeding two Rod & for greater quantyties two shillings & six penc per Rod John Batchelder & Alexander Maxey are Chosen for Sirvey^rs for this following yeere who are to see to the Due discharge of that their trust according to lawe in Seeing to the Repaire of all Comon fences of Corne feilds if the owners neglect |more than three dayes| to doe it them selves: & have hereby full power to demand & Receave the aforesd two shillings & six penc per Rod for their lab^r. Fences

Also its ordered that all Swine that goe abroad shall be sufficiantly yoaked & ringed from the tenth of Aprill next untill the 15th of October abovesd upon the penalty of forfiting of one shilling per swine to be paid by the owner Swine

upon demand: the yoakes to be as followeth viz: for every swine of a yere old & upwards two foot long & for yonger swine proportionably according to their Age.

Tho: Fiske in
the name of the Rest of the Selectmen:

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* 22th of October 1669

Rate for the Pastor

At a towne meeting Goodman Abey Senir & Walter Fairfield & Charles Gott Chosen to joune with the Select men to make our Pastrs Rate for this Instant yeere.

Constable

Henry Kemball Chosen Constable for this following yeere.

Juryman

Charles Gott chosen to serve on ye Jury of trials at ye next Court.

Grant to Thos. Patch

Walter Fairefield & Thomas Fiske Chosen to laye out & set ye bounds of 40 Akers of land to Thomas Patch in the Right of Marke Batchelder & Wm Geare.

Wood Rate

Also its ordered that the same order that was made the last yeere about our Pastrs wood is nowe in forc for this Instant yeere & the same persons Chosen to see the execution of it by the last daye of the next month.

Highway

Walter Fairfield Charles Gott & Thomas Fiske are impowered to laye out a highway over Goodman Maxeys farme & apoint the plac where to make a bridg over the river into the neck:

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* 3d of January 1669

An. Town Meeting Selectmen

At a towne meeting John Fiske Richard Kemball & Tho: Fiske chosen for Select men for this following yeere.

Grant to Robt Macklaflin

Granted to Robert Mackclafflin the towns Right in that parcill of upland formerly Granted to him (upon Condition) (alwayes provided it be onely to himself for his owne proper use for the time of his continueance in the towne & then to Returne to the towns Disposeing.

mark
Robert × Macklaflin
his

Common Land at the Neck

John Abey Senir Walter Fairfield Marke Batchelder & Charles Gott are chosen to |Joyne with ye select men|

to take notic of what Comon land there is in the neck undisposed of & to make a Returne of what shall Appeare to the towne: & it is also voated that in the Cass there doe Appeare there is land enough that John Abey Junir shall have it upon exchange for that lott which he now posesseth & that to be laid downe to the towns use & also to state Thomas Patch his Bounds of 40 Akers in the right of Marke Batchelder & Wm Geare & the former order about the land of Thomas Patch is voated void.

Grant to John Abey Junir and to Thos. Patch

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* 10th of 11 mo: 1669. (*page 60)

Division Common Land

Whither all our Comon shall be equally Devided betwixt the settled Inhabitants in the towne viz. to the Dweling howses now inhabitants by eaquall portions to be & Remaine to the use of such Habitations alwayes provided that no person nor any after him in his right fenc in his or theire propriety for pasture but shall ly opne to the use of publique for feeding onely that which is capeable of Breakeing up or makeing meadowe which may be fencd in at every mans discretion nor shall any person or persons in our towne have liberty or any after them in his or theire right sell or convey any such their portions to any person without the Consent of the towne from time to time—Voated on the Afirmative—& for efecting the abovesd Devision Walter Fairefield Marke Batchelder Charles Gott & Richard Huttn are Chosen to Joyne with the Select men to doe it.

Its voated that Samuell Fiske & John Soolard Junir shall have each of them halfe a share.

Its also voated that John Abey Junir shall have 15 Akers of land for his lott & the Comity to devid the Comon shall laye it out.

John Abey's Grant

Also its voated that John Beaman shall have ten akers of land out of the Comon in the Neck in Cass it be there to be fownd & the Comitie Chosen to laye out the Comon shall laye it out [only] Thomas White shall be in Richard Huttons Steade—

John Beaman's Grant

Goodman Abey Senir & Walter Fairfield are chosen for Sirveyrs for this following yere.

* 10th 11 mo: 1669

(*page 61)

Meets House

*John Knowlton upon the condition he alloweth 4s per yeere Contribution to the Ministry shall have liberty to Joyne in partnership in a galery & in the mean time to have liberty of a seat belowe in witness where of he have set to his hand.

John Knowlton

John Edwards also upon the condition of 10s per yeere.

John Edwards

Richard Lee upon the condition of 5s per yeere as long as he use it & then to leave it to ye towne

Richard
Lee

John Edwards doth ingeage 5s per yeere to our ministers Rate on the Behalfe of his Brother Thomas Edwards for liberty of a seate according as liberty given them by the towne—& Coporall Killim 10s per yeere for his two Sons Daniell & Thomas for theire liberty in the building of the same & John Deñise also: for his liberty ingeage 5s per yeere:

his marke
Daniell Killam
Senir
John Edwards
John Dinnil

Thomas Edwards appearing himselfe to ingeage the towne [accepts] thereof for 5s per yeere [&] hereunto set his hand

[ ]th 1 mo: 72

Thomas Y Edwards
his marke

(*page 62)

Grant to Abram Martin

* Question being put whither Abraham Martin Blacksmith shall have two acres of land lying on the back side of Robert Macklaflins lott upon the Condition he cometh to our towne & there continue seaven yers following his Trade but in Cass he removeth within the space aforesd then the land & shop to Returne to the towne it was voated on the 11th of 1 month 1670: on the affirmative.

11th of 8 mo: 70:

William Fiske Chosen Constable for the following yeere. Constable

& Thomas Fiske Chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryalls for the next Court at Salem.— Juryman

Walter Fairefield & Mark Batchelder Chosen to Joyne with ye Select men to make the ministers Rate: for this Instant yere. Minrs Rate

Its voated that the order made on the 23d of 8 mo: 1668 about our ministers wood is in full force for the present yeere & old Goodman Moulton & Thomas Patch to see to the Execution of the sd. order. Wood Rate

2d of 11 mo: 1670: Am. Town Meetg

Richard Kemball John Fiske & Tho: Fiske chosen for Select men for the following yeere. Selectmen

Sergent White Walter Fairfield Charles Gott & Tho: Fiske are impowered to Demand sue for & rec[eive] of Richard Dodg Senir his Dues to our Minister according to his Ingeagement under his hand & in Case they doe it not they are to Give seasonable notic befor Ipswich Court to the Select men whoe then are betrusted with the matter. Richard Dodge's Rate

* Its ordered that the Select men are impowered to call the Constables to account that have bin or are Defective in not Gathering in such rates as have bin are or shall be Directed by warrants to them |& prosecute in lawe against them| & this to be the Select mens Care from time to time. (*page 63) Constables Accounts

Sergent White Walter Fairfield & Richard Huttn are Chosen to Joyne with the Select—to Run out the lyne westward |betwixt Ipswich & us| & state the bound according to lawe. Bounds of Ipswich

Its ordered that no person or persons whatever shall have liberty to fall any oake timber upon our Comon unles for theire owne particulare use without leave from the Select men Charles Gott & Thomas Patch upon the forfiture of ten shillings per tree. Timber on the Common

Also Granted to John Abey liberty to live in his howse & to improve two Akers of land Joyning to the same |two years| leaveing a Conveniant high waye according to the J. Abbey, grant to

Discretion of the Select men alwayes provided he shall leave the land sown with hayseed fowre bushels per Akre at the end of the aforsd terme.

Town Meetings

Also its ordered that the Selectmen now Chosen shall have power to call & appoint towne meettings for this fowling yeere.

Grant to Abner Ordway

Granted to Abner Ordway and wife fowre or five Akers of land which was John Abeys at the discretion of Sergent White John Killim Tho: Patch & Thomas Fiske for the terme of theire lives onely.

Abner
Ordway

Grant to Rich[d] Goldsmith

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Its Granted to Richard Goldsmith fowre Akres of land upon the hill be hind Charles Gotts lott for the terme of seaven yers always [provided] he shall sowe it with [hay] seed sufficiantly at the end [of the aforesd term] * & old Goodman Abey is Joynd with the Comity which is Chosen to laye out ordwayes land to laye out the aforsaid land to Richard Gooldsmith.

Grant to John Fiske

Its Granted that John Fiske shall have three Akres of swampe nere the broad medow at his choic for the term of foureteen yers & then to Returne it to the towne.

Jo Sussisk

Timber in the Cedar Swamp

Its ordered that no person or persons whatsoever shall Cutt any timber or trees Greate or Small in the Seader Swampe without leave from the Select men & old Goodman Moulton & Marke Batchelder upon the forfiture of ten shillings per tree to be taken by the Constable by warrant from the Select men.

Surveyors

Richard Dodg & James Friend are Chosen for Sirvey[rs] for the followeing yeere.

27th of 8th mo: 1671

Min[r] Rate

Charles Gott & Marke Batchelder Chosen to Joyne with the Select men to make our Ministers Rate for this Instant yeere.

Constable

& John Abey Seni[r] is Chosen for Constable for the following yeere.

Juryman

& Tho: Fiske to serve on the Judy of Tryals at the next Court.

Wood for the Pastor

Its ordered that every Inhabitant of our towne shall Attend to Cutt & Cary our past^{rs} wood for this yeere with what hands & cattle they have & in default to pay three shillings per hand & ten shillings for six oxen & eight shillings for fowre & fowre shillings for two oxen* & the time of meeting for ox men is to be by the Sun halfe an houre high & for Carters by Sun one houre high and in Case any person shall be Defective every ox man 6^{d} per howre & carter with 6 oxen two shillings & 4 oxen 18^{d} & 2 oxen one shilling all which forfits aforesd: to be added to the ministers Rate: & John Batchelder & John Abey Juni^{r} is Chosen Sirvey^{rs} to see to the fullfilling of this order & they have full power to Judg of the defects of the time according to their discretion & to make a Returne to the Raters & its agreed that the first two faire dayes of the next weeke shall be the time for the worke doeing & whosoever doe not attend the first daye shall have liberty till the 2^{d} daye & the place of meeting to be at our past^{rs} howse.

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Trees on the Common

Its ordered that Marke Batchelder shall have liberty to take three trees upon the Comon in Consideration of 5 shillings which the towne oweth him.

Thos. Patch's 40 acres

Thomas Patches Bounds of his 40 Acres are as followeth viz: it begins at a Red oake in Ipswich lyne marked on fowre sides being Thomas Hobb^{es} Bound also & so downeward to a stake & heape of stones eighty poale nere Thomas Hobb^{es} Howse & from that corner to a stump standing nere John Abeyes howse on the South syd of the gutter & from thenc to a stake nere the corner of John Powlands ditch & from thenc takeing in all the upland [& swampe] to a maple in the swampe marked on fowre sydes & so to a greate maple North east & from thenc takeing in all the upland betwixt [the] swamp as the upland goes rounding to Ipswich lyne.

(*page 34)

Rate

* 12th 10th mo: 71 delivered to Constable Abey a towne Rate for the Aminition of 6$^{£}$—11^{s}—8^{d}.

(*page 26)

Ammunition Rate

* 12th 10 mo: 1671 Delivered to Constable John Abey a towne Rate of 6$^{£}$:—11^{s}:—8^{d}: for there Aminition the

Rate to be gathered in money or elc in wheate mault or Butter at mony pric.

An. Town Meet^{g}

1 of January 1671

Selectmen

At a towne meetting Marke Batchelder Walter Fairefield & Charles Gott are Chosen for Select men for this following yeere.

Land in Controversy

It was voated that the wood that was cutt for our past^{r} this yeere on the land in Controversie was upon a towne account & for theire use.

Mr. Fiske's Farm, Suit as to

It that as there is a sute comensed by the proprietors of Mr. Fiskes farme about the Cutting of the wood abovesd the towne doe owne the Cass as theire owne & doe ingeage to trye the said Cass to effect.

Its voted that the Select men are impowered to prosecute the Sute abovesd in the |towns| name |or to agree| & to act about it as they think fit & the |towne| to stand to wt they shall doe in the towns Behalfe & Tho: Fiske is impowered to Joyne with them.

Surveyors

It Richard Gooldsmith & Tho: Patch are chosen for Sirvey^{rs} for the following yeere.

(*page 25)

* Persuant to an order of the towne of the 1st of January 1671

Bounds of Mr. Fiske's Farm

We whose names are hereunto subscribed being a Comitte appointed by the towne to setle a Differance betwin the propriet^{r} of Mr. Fiskes farme & our Towne about the bound of said farme did in the month of March in the beginning of the yeere —1672 meet with Mr William Dodg of Beverly who then was propriet^{r} of said farme & did upon the place agree & setle the bounds of said farme by mutuall & Joynt Consent as followeth viz: that beginning at the Northwesterly corner of Mr Newmans land which he bought of Edward Kemp & from thenc on a straight lyne Northerly to a lop^{t} tree nere the Edg of Goodman Batchelders medow & so to said medow & said persons above said: Mr. William Dodg on the one parte & we the subscribers for the towne did Joyntly agree that all the land betwin said lyne Easterly & Goodman Batchelders land shall belong to Mr. Newman & upon that

Condition agreed that the land in Controversie where the wood was cut should belong to said farme.

Thos ffiske
Walter ffayrefield
Charles Gott

(*page 29)

Meetg House

* 4th of 1 mo: 1672: there is full power Comited unto the Celect men together with Richard Kemball & Thomas White to Gather in the remainder of the meeting howse Rate & forth with to bestowe it upon the meeting howse to finish it so far as it will goe.

Bridge

Its voted there shall be a horse Bridg over the river Neare Goodman Abeys.

(*page 34)

Meeting house

* Samuell Nowlton hath liberty Granted him of a seate with John Edwards & Compayne upon Condition of Contributing five shillings per yeere to the ministry & in witness whereof he have here unto set his hand 7th of 1 mo: 72—

Samuel Nowlton
O
his marke

(*page 36)

An. Town Meeting

Selectmen

* At a Generall Towne meeting on the 6th of January 1672. Richard Kemball Marke Batchelder & Thomas Fiske chosen Select men for the yeer following—

Attendance at Town Meetings

Its ordered that whosoever shall not come & attend the towne meettings being orderly warned thereto viz: at our Generall towne meeting on the first Mondaye in January by nine of the Clock & to all other towne meettings at the houre that from time to time shall be appointed shall forfit 2s—6d for our Generall meettings & 1s—6d for every other meeting to be paid upon demand of the moderatr or elc such Defects to be entered upon Record at such towne meettings & forthwith to be gathered by the Constable by warrant from the Select men for the townes use.

R. Macklaflin as to agreemt with him

Walter Fairfield & Richard Huttn are chosen to Joyne with the Select men to make a Bargaine in the Behalfe of the towne with Robert Mackclaflin about his howse & land & to laye him out land of the towne Comon in Consideration of it or elc upon other termes according to theire discretion. As also to agree with him about that parcill of land formerly Granted to him which the towne

exchanged with the farmers for a parcill of land on the Back side of Mr Newmans Hortyard.

Grant to John Abey Jr. (Way)

(*page 37)

Also its Granted to John Abey Junir. an Akre of land at his howse to plant an Ortchard upon always provided he doe noe Injury the townes passage to the Comon.

Surveyors of Highways

*Richard Huttn & John Killim are Chosen for Sirvey^{rs} for the yere Insueing to make & Repaire such Bridges & highwayes as the towne have layd out & agreed to doe & are hereby impowered to Cale the towne together to that end & in Case they do not attend upon orderly notic then the sd Sirvey^{rs} have power to hire others for the Caryeing on the worke which Cost shall be defrayed by the delinquents who shall forfit 2^{s}—6^{d}— per daye to be Gathered by warrant from the Select men to the Constable.

Grant to Alex^{r} Maxey

Its granted to Goodman Maxey twenty Akres of lands in our Comon to be layd out to him at the Discretion of the Select men Walter Fairefield & Richard Huttn upon the ten^{r} as followeth viz: for his owne use to Dwell upon alwayes provided that when he or his wife & children shall leave it it shall Returne to the towne to be at theire disposeing.

As written his hand
marke
Alexander Maxey
his

(*page 38)

Minister's House

* 18th of 5th mo: 1673

At a towne meetting twas voated to Build a ministers howse & Richard Kemball John Fiske Ezeikle Woodward Charles Gott Thomas Fiske Richard Huttn & Walter Fairfield are chosen to carry on the worke & to make a Rate for the defrayeing of the Cost.

29th of the 5th mo: 73

The towne voated to Build a howse of 18 foott square & 13 foott stud to be added to Roberts howse & the Comittee above mentioned are to cary it on & the order about any other kind of howse is hereby Repealed.

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Grant to Robt Macklaflin

* Granted to Robert Macklaflin fifteen Akres of upland & swamp lyeing |in| the neck be it more or less according

to the severall Bownd markes viz: a little walnut tree on the Southeast corner & on the Northeast with a small ash tree & so Ruñing to the North to a greate pine stump eleven poall from the medow & so keeping the range to the medows syd |thirteen poles from said stump to a litl maple marked| & on the Southwest Joyning to Richard Gooldsmiths land takeing also the two Akres cald goodman Hagets lott & so to Charles Gots Northeast Corner |viz. a burtch blowne up by the roots upon an Exchange for his howse & three akres of land Joyneing thereunto:— with Hortyard & fences thereunto belonging as witnese his hand this 6th of 6 mo: 1673.

marke
Robert *R* Macklaflin
his

(*page 32)

An. Town Meets

* At a towne meeting this 5th of January 1673

Selectmen

John Fiske Marke Batchelder & Tho: Fiske are Chosen for Select men for the following yeere.

Constable

& Thomas Hobbs Senir Chosen for Constable for the yeere Insueing.

Mr. Gerrish Agreemt with him

Also for the incouragment of Mr Gerrish to setle amongst us its voated that Duering the time that god shall continue him with us he shall have fifty pound |within the towne| per yere & twenty coard of wood: together with the use of the |ministers| howse & land with the Appirtainances & its further agreed that the towne shall set up theire proportion of an outside fenc belonging to the said land. Also its voated that Mr. Gerrish shall have two pownd of Butter for every milch cowe as parte of paye from yeere to yeere |of the abovesaid fifty pownds| & for the Rayseing or Gathering of the abovesaid sume of 50£ its agreed that the towne shall goe on in our Sabothly Contribution & in Cass any person or persons shall not come up to his or theire proportions of the said sume he or they shall be liable to be rated takeing the County Rate for a rule & whosoever shall neglect to paye in his |Dues or| Contribution at or before the first Mondaye of January from yere to yere it shall be gathered

by the Constable by warrant from the Select men |soe to doe.|

Collectors

Tho: Patch is chosen Colector with John Fiske for the yere Insueing.

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Surveyors

* William Fiske James Friend & Robert Macklaflin are Chosen for Sirvey^rs for the highwayes for the yere Insueing.*

Grant to Mr. Williams

There is Granted |or sold| to William Williames 5 Akres of land |for work don| upon our Comon such as shall be usefull for tillage & |also Granted him three| or fowre Akres of swamp or vacant land more alwayes provided he useth |that| him selfe.

and to Goodman Hobbs to Wm Fiske

Charles Gott Walter Fairefield & Richard Huttn are chosen to Joyne with the Select men to laye out the land to William |Williams| & |thirty| Akrs to Goodman Hobbs.

Granted to William Fiske three Akers of swamp in the Great Swamp below Mr Newmans land upon a square always provided he Clers it in three yers.

Surveyors of Highways

William Fiske James Friend & Robert Macklaflin Chosen for Sirvey^rs for the Highwayes.

** This paragraph is crossed out in the original.*

Wm Fiske's 3 acres

William Fiskes 3 Akrs of swamp was layd out to him |by the Select men| & Bounded by the syd of Mr Newmans farm lyeing 11 poales ½ in bredth & the length from a Great white oake upon the end of the pointe of upland by the medow wch tree was Antiantly marked & so to a pine tree for the Southeast Corner marked on 4 syds.

(*page 27)
Rate

* 3^d of 12 mo: 1673 there is a towne Rate of 76^£ : 6^s— for the defraying of the cost of our Ministers howse Delivered to Constable Hobbs.

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*page 26
Rates

* Delivered to Constable Richard Dodge a towne Rate of |about| 7^£ : 0^s : 0^d : to be Gathered in money or elc in Butter or wheate at money price for the procuring of Glass & Nails for our ministry howse, it being a part of the Gran[d] Rate it was taken out of his hand & Delivered to Constable Hobbs.

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* 2d March 1673/74 (*page 34)

At a towne meetting the question being put whither the swamp & land |formerly Granted| to Mr. Newman| the towns Entrest should be owned & the Grante stand Good twas voated in the Afirmative. Grant to Mr. Newman

Upon Mr Epps his Request to the towne in Behalfe of Mrs Newman for the exchange of a parcill of land lying within hir fenc the towne have voated to exchange the said land for medow & have impowered Richard Kemball Richard Huttn & Thomas Fiske to make & compleate the said exchange. Exchange with Mr. Epps

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19th of 5th mo: 74:

The Towne made Choice of Charles Gott & Walter Fairefield to Joyn with ye Comity (formerly Chosen to laye out the high waye in the neck to the Comon) to set the Bounds of Goodman Dodg his fifteen |acres| of land & Goodman Brayebrooks land in Cass they cañot shew the old bounds. Highway & Dodge & Braybrook grants

Also tis voated that theire shall be ten pounds bestowed upon a Barne for the ministery & its loft to the Comitie for the Ministers howse to Carry it one in Cass Mr Gerrish doe not doe it. Minister's Barn

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* 18th of 6 mo: 1674 (*page 38)

James Moulton Junir is Chosen to serve on the Granjuery for the following yere. Juryman

& Whereas the church hath manifested their desire to Mr Gerrish to take |or accept the| office of a pastr |amongst us| the Towne have agreed in Cass he shall so doe they have voted as followeth Agreemt with Mr. Gerrish

first with Respect to the kind of payment |of his yerly maintainanc| they will paye the one halfe in porke & Inglish graine oats excepted & the other halfe to be in butter according to a former order & Indian Corne all which payment is to be at pric currant.

Also wt soever our neighbrs have or shall ingeage to Contribut to him it shall be the Select mens Care to see that it be paid in.

Min^rs house

Also the towne doe agree to Cover the old house with boards & lea[ve] it to the former Comity to see i[t done].

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* Also in Cass he shall Continue |in ofic| five yers amongst us & then God take him awaye by death the towne doe ingeag twenty pound to his widow and if he Continue ten yers then forty pound

Also the Towne land (lyeing neare Mrs Newmans |lott| is voated to be layd or added to the ministry house.

Rate

15th of October 1674 delivered to Constable Hobbs a towne Rate Asignd to him by the Select men to gather: amounting to the sume of 30^£—9^s—7^d.

(*page 35)

Rate

* 15th of October 74 there was a towne Rate of 30^£—9—7 delivered to Constable Hobbs to be gatherd according to his warrant from the Select men in provisions oats excepted.

9th of Dec: 74 a Country Rate Delivered to Constable Hobbs of 5^£—13^s—7^d.

An. Town Meet^gs

4th of Jan: 1674

Selectmen

Richard Kemball, Walter Fairefild & Thomas Fiske Chosen Select Men for the following yere.

Constable

Thomas Patch Chosen Constable for the following yere.

Surveyors of Highways

John Abey Seni^r & John Batchelder Chosen for Sirvey^rs of the high wayes for the following yere.

Min^rs Rate

Its ordered that the last yeers Rate for the minister from time to time shall be a rate for the proportioning the ministers wood for the yere Insueing & whosoever shall not bring in to Mr Gerrish his parte of wood by the last of March from yere to yere shall paye a fine of double the price of his parte of wood & the said fine to be added to his Rate for that yers Contribution—& Charles Gott & Richard Huttn are Chosen to Joyne with the Select men to make our ministry Rate for the yere Insueing.

Meet^g house

Whereas John Fiske & others have layd a foundation for Galeryes in our meeting house the Towne have Voated that the Select men together with Charles Gott William Fiske & Richard Huttn shall be & are Chosen as a Com-

ittie* to order & dispose of the said Galeryes as they thinke meett. (*page 36)

Granted to Richard Kemball Juni^r twenty akres of land in our Comon upon the same ten^r that Alexander Maxey: his land was granted upon—as witness his hand. Grant to Richd Kemball Jr.

marke
Richard /\ Kemball
his

Granted to Thomas Fiske that parcill of land betwixt his land which he bought of John Killim Joyning to Pleasant Pond |& the brook| takeing the beaver hole brooke for the bounds in Consideration of service don for the towne. Grant to Thos. Fiske

Its Voated that there shall be a Comittie Chosen to setle bounds betwixt the towne |Comon| & particulare persons & for the Comitie there is the Select men & John Fiske Richard Huttn Marke Batchelder & John Batchelder Chosen. Town Common

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January 5th 1764 (*page 38)

Wee whose names are underwrittn being Ajaicant to Wenham & by our neere habitation have a Conveyanc of Coming to theire meetting doe upon a treatie with them about priviledg in theire meetting house agree that soe long as wee shall make use of our priviledg by them granted wee will paye to the ministry there yeerly according to our abilityes & in Cass wee see Cause to leave our seates wee shall have liberty soe to doe & to be freed from our Contribution the towne repayeing us for our Cost about our seates. In Witnesse whereunto we have Interchangably set to our hands Privilege in the meet^g house for persons living near Wenham

Richard Walker
his
Daniel × Davison
mark
mark
John *K* nowlton
his his
William + Rorlton
marke

(*page 39) Rate

* 15th of January 1674 deliverd to Constable Hobbs a towne Rate for the minister of 50£ .

An Entrye of the Treasurrs Receipt:—

(*page 40) Receipt

Received ye 9:9:75 of Thomas Patch of Wenham the some of foure pounds & nine shillings in money which I have Axepted for the some of five pownds & three shillings in Country paye which is in full of Wenham Rate for the yere 71/72

Willim Fiske Constable
By mee Richard Russell
Treasurr

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* 1 of January 1676

(*page 39) An. Town Meetg

Selectmen

Charles Gott Walter Fairefield Richard Huttn Wm Fiske & Tho:s Fiske are Chosen for Select men for the following yere.

Constable

John Fiske Chosen for Constable for the following yere:—when the other Constable is out.

Surveyors of Highways

Samll Abey & Samuell Kemball are Chosen for Sirveyrs for the high wayes for the following yere.

Minister's Rate

Whereas there is a Greate defect in Contributing to the Ministers maintainanc according to our Ingeagement its ordered that whoesever shall be Generally Defective in the matter for the time to come shall be liable to be Rated [will] & Doom[e] any order to the Contrary notwithstanding

Grant to John Carpenter

Granted to John Carpenter a parcill of upland of about two akrs be it more or lese lying betwixt Ordwayes lot & the River together with |the| swamp that Joyns to it for the terme of his life Reserveing a Conveynant high waye at the Discretion of the Select men.

Meeting house

Old Goodman Moulton & John Fiske are Appointed to Joyne with the Celect men to order & Regulate the seateing of persons in the meetting howse from time to time.

(*page 40) Goodm Rowland

* Granted to Goodman Rowland liberty to set his fenc Cross a point of Upland to take in six or seaven poals of land to set his hay stack on.

16th: 4th mo: 76

Delivered to Constable Fairefield 10 Single Rates for the Warr with an addition the wholl Sum̃ being 51£–10s — Rates for the War (King Phillips)

17th December 1676:

Delivered to Constable Fairefield 6 Single Rates for the warr with an addition amounting to £31—5—4— — Rates

* 7th: 11th: 1677: — (*page 42)

At a Towne meetting John Fiske Charles Gott William Fiske John Batchelder, & Thos: Fiske Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing. — An. Town Meetg — Selectmen

Samuell Kimball Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing. — Constable

The question was put to the Towne whither Thomas Wilson shall be accepted as an Inhabitant amongst us without Two able setled persons to be his sureties to the Towne to Secure them̃ from dam̃age it was voated on the Negitive. — Thos. Wilson

Thomas Patch & Robert Hibbirt Chosen for Sirveyrs for the high wayes for the yere Insueing. — Surveyors of Highways

|Its ordered| That noe Inhabitant in the Towne but house houlders shall have liberty to fall or carry awaye any timber out of the Towne Swamps & that noe house holder shall have shall have liberty to Fall nor Carry out of the Towne Swamps any more timber in one yere than will make two thousand in inch Boards & yt all logs that is alridy fald in the townes Swamps & are not Carryd out within Six dayes shall be forfit to the towne alwayes provided that the towne paye for the labr: bestowed on them & |ye logs| shall be devided by the Com̃ite & the Com̃ite shall set a marke upon every logg brought out & they or any one of them shall have power to stop any of the towne wn they are Carrying of logs & in Cass they will not give an answer to satisfaction* the Com̃itie have power to Seiz on the timber & the one halfe of the timber shall be to the Comitie & the other halfe to the towne & in Cass any man Carry any privatly & it be after proved then the Com̃ite shall by warrant from the Select men take the Constable with them & destrayne of the goods of the Trespaser to the value of ten shillings for every log soe Caryed awaye one halfe of the fine to the Com̃ite & the other — Timber on the Common — (*page 43)

halfe to the towne & w^{t} timber any person or persons shall Carry awaye out of ye Swamp within Six dayes after the date hereof shall be his owne alwayes provided he desire the Comite to marke his loggs & that noe person shall have liberty to sell any timber in trees or loggs in or at the towns Swamp upon the former peanaltye & Charles Gott Thomas Patch Wm Fiske Samuell Kemball & James Friend are Chosen for a Comite any towne order to the Contrary notwithstanding & the Comite are impowered to stand sute with any person that shall transgrese the above said order.

Thos Fiske entereth his Contrary Desent to the above said order in respect of trees alridy fald & to the Comites power to sue & Walter Fairefield entereth his Desent alsoe.

(*page 44)

Deputy

Genl Court, College, &c.

* 24th Sept: 1678

At a towne meeting Thomas Fiske was by the freemen Chosen Deputy for the next Sessions of the Gen^{ll} Court.

& Charles Gott & he are appointed to prosecute our business at Generall Court & Also to Answer the Cass about the Coledg: & John Fiske Thomas Patch & John Batchelder & |Wm Fiske| are desired to procure w^{t} mony is nessesary to Carry on our Cass at said Court.

(*page 45)

Receipt

* Rec^{d} this 7th of 11 mo: 78 forty shillings in money of Thomas Patch for land sold him by the Towne we saye rec^{d} by Walter Fairefield & Thomas Fiske in the Townes behalfe

Thos Fiske
Walter Fayrefield

22th of 11 Thomas Patch Delivered to Thomas Fiske three pound in money for the towns use which the Select men accept for six pounds in paye.

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An. Town Meet^{g}

* 6th of Jan: 1678

Selectmen

Walter Fairefield Charles Gott Wm Fiske John Batchelder Thomas Fiske Chosen for Select men for the following yere.

Constable

Richard Huttn Seni^{r} Chosen Constable for the following yere.

Ezeikle Woodward & John Killim are Chosen for Sirvey[rs] for the high wayes for the following yere. Surveyors of Highways

Also its voated that whosoever that is an inhabitant in our Towne shall not generally Contribute to our Past[rs] maintainance according to a former order shall paye five shillings as a fine to be added to his rate to the minister. Pastor's Rate

Its voated that Thomas Patch shall have all that Comon land lying betwixt his land & Richard Dodges medow |excepting John Whits grante of six Acres| for forty shillings in money in hand & eight pound in porke or graine in fowre yeres viz. forty shillings per yere. Grant to Thomas Patch

* Its voated that William Knowlton shall have all the remainder of Towne Comon joyning to John Denise his Grant & so to John Abeyes lot leaveing a Sufficiant high waye yeilding or Payeing twelve penc per acre by the yere to the Towne. (*page 47) to W[m] Knowlton (Way.)

Its ordered that our Cass depending Betwixt our Towne Beverly & Villag is left with the Select men to Carry on to effect. Beverly Case

Granted to John Denise a Confirmation of a grante of fowre or |five| acres of land that was granted to Abner Ordwaye & his wife for their life time he the said Ordwaye haveing sold his right to said John Denise the Towne makes a further grante to him & his heirs & assignes |he| yeilding or payeing twelve penc per acre by the yere to the towne after the said Ordwayes desceas. Grant to John Denise

It is ordered that all such as have lands lyeing in our towne shall make their Bounds appear upon demand of those that are or shall be appointed |by the towne| to take notice of them or elc theire lands shall be measured to them according to theire grantes from the townes: Bounds of Lands

& to the Select men are impowered |to examin bounds| & to see to the prosecution of this order.

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* We whose names are underwritten being propriet[rs] in the Comon field cald the plaine have agreed & stated out every mans parte or portion of theire Lotts: being as followeth viz. to Thomas Fiske one hundred & seaven poale but its to be understood that seaventen poals is for his parte of fenc for his land without the Generall feild. *page 50 "The Plain" Division

& Mr Gerrish forty & nine poall & Charles & Daniell Gott one hundred and thirteen poall & Richard Huttn forty & six poall & one third; but its to be understood that the wholl ten acres is accounted to him & to Mr Endicotts Tenants sixty & three poals & to Richard Kemball sixty & three poals & to Daniell Killim ninety & seaven poals & as for Jn° Batchelder its agreed that he shall make sixty & nine poals from his lower corner next the meeting house & the north end of his pastur next the plaine: every mans parte or portion being now stated & stakd out as witnese our hands Dated 15th of 1 mo: 1679

Thos Fiske
Charley Goff
John Batchelder
marke
Daniell Killim
his
marke
Richard ⋀ Kimball
his

(*page 49) * For an explanation of wt is written on the other syde—

Thos Fiske his fenc lyeth as followeth viz. one pole ½ next the northweast corner of John Batchelders pastur & another parcill standeth betwin Mr Endecots Tenants & Charles Gotts: |being| upon Mr Newmans hill & the rest upon the devisionall lyne betwin the townes next the high waye—except another parcill wch standeth betwin the abovesd: Charles Gotts fence next Rowlandes hole= Mr Gerishcs fenc standeth next the Country Roade Joyning to his owne land & 19 pole more upon the devisionall lyne next Thomas Fiskes fence Charles & Daniell Gotts |& Richard Kemballs| fenc standeth next the Country Roade from Goodman Huttns Corner to Mr. Newmans land & leaveing the bredth of his lott sd Kemballs fenc is at the end of his |own| lott & the abovesd persons Charles Daniell & Richard have three parcils more viz. one at the Northweast corner of the field & two parcills more upon the lyne betwin Ipsch & Wenham betwin Thomas Fiskes fenc—Goodman Huttns fenc standeth next his

owne land upon the Country Roade: Mr Newmans fenc stand at the uper or north syd of the field betwin Charles Gotts fenc & Thomas Fiskes fenc & another parcill betwin there fenc: next John Peirkingses & the remainder being at the head of Mr. Newmans lot next the Country Road. Daniell Killims fenc is from John Batchelders fenc at the Roade to John Batchelders North end of his pasture.

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Deputy

At a meetting of the of the freemen 23d of 3d mo: 79, Thomas Fiske is Chosen Deputy for the first Sessions of the Genll Court next at Boston.

Rate

Delivered to Constable Richard Huttn a Rate conteining foure single Country Rates of 21£: 3s÷3d Dated 17th of 5th: 79:—

(*page 45)

Rate

* Constable Samuell Kemball hath paid in to Ezeikle Woodward a towne rate for the Comittes expences Dated 9th: 9: 78 & brought a note under his hand: of his recite of it 17th Dec: 79—

(*page 52)

* 5th of Jan. 1679.

An. Town Meets

Walter Fairefield John Batchelder Charles Gott Wm Fiske & Thos Fiske Senir Chosen for Select men for the yere following.

Selectmen

Constable

Samuell Moulton Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing.

Tithing men

Samuell Kemball Robert Hibbirt John Killim & John Peirkings are Chosen for tithing men for the yere Insueing.

Clerk of the Market

Walter Fairefield Chosen for Clarke of the market:

Surveyors of Highways

John Beare & John Knowlton are Chosen for Sirveyrs for the high wayes for the yere Insueing.

Timber

Its ordered as an addition to the former order for the preservation of our towne timber that any or every person that shall cutt any timber in the towne swamp shall give notice to the Comitte |or any two of them| to marke their logs before they carry them out of the swamp upon penalty of forfiting the timber to the towne & the Comitte formerly Chosen or any two of them shall have power to prosecute this order.

Sam[l] Fiske &c., admitted

Samuell Fiske Tayl[r] John Peirkings & Thomas Fiske Juni[r] are accepted townsmen: or Inhabitants of our towne |& to have towne priviledg| Joseph Fowler & John Bare & William Knowlton are also accepted as inhabitants of this towne |& to have towne priviledg| Samuell Moulton also accepted an Inhabitant.

(*page 53)

Grant to Richard Braybrook

* Its voated that whereas Richard Brayebrook is in possession of John Whits right according to a towne grante of Salem & to said White & the question being put whither the said Braybrook shall have twenty acres the towne alloweing a pointe of land which John Edwards is nowe in possession of to be John Whits right upon the accompt of the said Grante it was resolved on the Afirmative that he should have twenty Acres the said pointe being allowed also.

Rate

Delivered to Constable Huttn a towne Rate for our minister & some other towne Cost of

53:—6—2[d]

(*page 58)

Ipswich Neighbors Meet[g] House

* In Answer to the request of our Neighb[rs] of Ipswich to have liberty to make them Seates in our meetting house Wee grante them the west Galliry namely to John Deane Abraham Tilton Mr Quarles Nathaniel Browne John Whipple & Edmond Potter & such others of their Neighb[rs] as they shall accept of & two seates next the staires on the right hand of the coming in of the South dore for theire wives & they have liberty to Raise them & make them according to their Descretion & its intended by both parties that for theire privilidge above mentioned our Neighb[rs] Contribuate to our Ministry they & theirs to Injoye theire Seates forever always provided that if there be not enough of our neighb[rs]: to fill the Seats above mentioned the Select men of Wenham Reserve liberty to place such of the towne as may be thought sutable they payeing proportionably to the Cost & our Neighb[rs] are to have a conveynant passage in the South Galliry to theirs:

1: mo: 1679/80 John Dane
Abraham Tilton

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* 11: 2: 80 (*page 65)

Grant to John Dodge

At a meetting of the Select men Thomas Patch John Abey John Beaman & Wm Knowlton are impowered to laye out & Setle 15 Acres of land to John Dodg in the right of Thomas Sergent [ ] Killim as they shall Judg maye be best for both the towne & said John Dodg.

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* Boston Maye 25th 1680 (*page 40)

Receipt

Rec^{d} of Mr. Walter Fairefield Constable of Wenham by severall payements in full of the first Ten rates for the yere 1676 wch he had a former receip^{t} for & saith he has lost it & by severall payements in rate paye & mony in full of the first Six rates being thirty pounds nine shillings 6^{d}=I saye rec^{d} per order of my master Mr John Hull

Per me John Newman that this is a true entry compared with the original receip^{t} H Huttn Thos Fiske

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* Boston Maye 25th 1680 (*page 41)

Receipts

Rec^{d} of Mr Walter Fairefield for accomp^{t} of Mr Samuell Kemball Constable of Wenham by severall payements as mony in full of three rates of November 1678 Ten pounds Six Shillings 4^{d}

I saye recd per order of my Master Mr John Hull
Per me John Newman

This 31 of March 1680

Rec^{d} of Samuell Kemball in full of his County rate for the yere 78 I saye Rec^{d} in full per me
Robert Paine
Treasur^{r}

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* 18th: 4th: 1680 (*page 54)

Bounds of Mr. Smith's Farm, &c.

Wee whose names are underwritn being mett together in behalfe of the towne & for ourselves to setle the Bounds betwine Mr. Smiths farme & the towne & other persons who have lands adjoyning to the said farme have Agreed as followeth viz: that the stake with the heape of stones Southwards about fowre Rod from the Meetting house is a Corner Bounds of said farme from wch stake Eastward the Country road is settld fowre Rod wide takeing

the fenc on the North & the stakes on the South till it cometh to Richard Huttns howse hereby declareing that the North |side| of said highwaye is late Mr Felminghams Bounds the South |side| is the bounds of the aforesaid Mr Thomas Smiths farme & from thence the high waye is Staked till it cometh to the North corner of Goodman Maxeys fence & from thence to Ipswich lyne as the fenc formerly stood on the East sid of the roade & on the West syde of the Roade: [as] ye fenc nowe stand: & on the West syd of the Country Roade from Richard Huttns house to Ipswich |lyne| is by this agreement |to be accounted| Mr Felminghams Bounds & from |Ipswich| lyne| the bounds of said Mr Smiths farme is setled as the Stakes are sett & trees marked including upland & medow on both sydes of the river excepting Walter Fairefields & Richard Huttns land wch lyeth within said bounds.

Thos Fiske	Tho Smith
Walter Fayrfield	marke
Charles Gott	Daniell × Killim
	his

in behalfe of ourselves & the towne.

(*page 55)

10 Acres near the old Meet^{g} house, given by Sam^{ll} Smith, laid out

* 18th: 4th: mo: 1680

Know all men by these presents that whereas Sam^{ll} Smith of Wenham deceised did Give to the towne ten acres of land: to the towne neare the old meeting howse; the Select men in behalfe of the towne wth Mr Thomas Smith have & Doe hereby Agree that the land from the heade of the Gen^{ll} feild cald the fifty acres wch the towne have Disposed of & is within fence as the fence nowe stands downe to ye pond by Mr Gerrishes howse is setld for the bounds of sd ten acres alwayes provided if Mr Thomas Smith shall see cause to remove the North east corner two lengths of fence inwards it shall be lawefull for him soe to doe alloweing two lengths outward at the uper end: & further the afore said Mr Thomas Smith doth hereby Grante & Confirme all that land betwin the lower end of the aforesaid ten acres on the south & the lyne betwine Mr Smiths farme & Mr Fiskes on the west

& on the high waye on the north & the Swamp on the East to the towne for a trayning place & not to be disposed of to any other use but shall lye in Comon.

Notwithstanding wat is before mentioned it is intended yt ye training plase shall [*com] no further y^n ye Runn yt [*coms] out of ye great Swampe in my farme.

(*comes?) Tho Smith

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* 3 Sept: 80: (*page 48)

College

Thomas Fiske is appointed by the Select men to attend the Comitte at Boston (for the Colledg) according to a warrant to the Select men of our towne.

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Beverly & Wenham Agreem^t

* An Agreement made betwene us whose names are underwritten in behalf of the Towns to which we doe belong viz. Beverly & Wenham & we doe hearby agree as followeth—That Wenham shall have their six hundred acc^rs of Comon land measured out first between Richard Dodg his land & the west end of Pleasant Pond to Ipswich line and it is to be bounded on Longham meadow on the South so farr as the said meadow goeth & from the West end of said pond along by the South side of it untill it cometh to the white oake at the East end thereof called Manchester bound & from thence South East or on a streight lyne towards Chubbs Creek and so the six hundred Acc^rs to be made up att the South East end of sd. Comon as may be most conveniant for both parties and the bounds or Lyne between the Townes aforesaid are to be as followeth viz: from the white oake tree on Alfords Hill formerly a bound between us & so on a streight lyne towards the white oake at the East end of Pleasant Pond cald Manchester bound untill it meeteth with the aforesaid Comon & then the bounds of the sd. Comon to be the said Towne bounds untill they come to Manchester bounds & the aforesaid lyne to extend from the white oake on Alfords Hill afores^d on the contrarey pointe untill it meeteth with the villiage lyne & all Beverleys Right in all Comon lands or proprietyes on the North & Northwest syde of said lyne to belong to Wenham Townshipp: but if the lyne which goeth Eastward from the said white

oake on Alfords hill doth take into Wenham John Dodg Senr his hous where hee now doth dwell we have agreed as followeth—That the said Dodg with his familey shall still belong to the towne of Beverly and his Successo^{r}s that shall dwell therin on the Condition that the said Dodge and his Successo^{r}s shall be liable to pay to all publique charges in & to the towne of Wenham one third part of that which the persons and movable estate that doth belong to the said Dodge his dwelling hous & those that shall ther succeed him according to the Rate & proportion that the Inhabitants of the towne of Wenham shall be Rated and pay from time to time onely the said Dodge shall be freed from the Countrey Rates in Wenham for to be rated in Beverly for the aboves^{d} hous persons & movable estate & the above made agreement shall bee & is a finall agreement of all Differences that ever hath bine between us about the bounds of our townes Respectively In Confirmation whereof we have hearunto Sett our hands this 22th of October: 1680:

William Dixey	Thos Fiske
Sam^{ll} Corning S^{r}	Charles Gott
William Dodge	Walter Fairefield
Paul Thorndick	
William Rayment	
John Dodge	

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Beverly & Wenham bounds

* We whose Names are underwrittn being mett together by the Appointment of Wenham & Beverly to setle the Devisionall Range Bounds betwin our Townes according to an Agreement made 22th of October 1680 betwine Agents Deputed by our severall Townes have Agreed as followeth, viz: We have Run the Lyne from Alfords Tree mentioned in the Aforesaid agreement Eastward towards the white oake at the East end of Pleasant Pond caled Manchester Bounds & have setled a Bound marke betwine our townes (on the edg of Wenham Comon) being a stake with a heape of stones; which stake & heape of stones shall be the standing bound marke betwin Wenham & Beverly & from Alfords Tree aforesaid we have Run upon the conterary pointe according to the aforesaid

Agreement to a litle white oake tree at or neare about the Villeag Bound lyne which we have markd & made a heape of stones about to be Altred to the Villeag lyne in cass it standeth not in it other wayes to be the standing bounds betwine our Townes as wittnese our hands

6th November 1680

Paull Thorndick:	Thos Fiske
John Dodg	Walter Fairefield
Nehemiah Grover	Charles Gott
	Jno Batchelder
	Wm Fiske

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Rates

* Delivered to Constable Sam^{ll} Moulton a towne Rate Dated 9th: 10th: 80 of 51$^{£}$—7—8 for our ministers maintainance.

Delivered to Constable Sam^{ll} Moulton two single Country Rates with an addition for the defrayeing of towne charges Dated 21 of 10: 80 amounting to the sum̃e of 19$^{£}$—6^{s}: 11^{d} |to be paid in money.|

Delivered to Constable Sam^{ll} Moulton two single Rates for the Country |& one County Rate| to be paid in paye amounting to 19$^{£}$: 4 : 9 [have] also some Addittion to with it for towne Cost the Contryes due being 13$^{£}$—14^{s}—0: which Rate beareth Date 21: 10: 80

Delivered to Constable Sam^{ll} Moulton a towne Rate Dated 21: 10: 80 of the sum̃e of 22$^{£}$: 15^{s}: 4^{d}: for the defrayeing towne Cost about Setleing the towne bounds: —|but wheras it have bin| voted that the Rate Dated 21: 10: 80 of 22: 15: 4^{d} for the defraying of town Cost made voyd & another made in the stead which was delivered to Constable Sam^{ll} Moulton a |Rate| of 22:14—07: to Mr Gerish ordered by the Select men —6—17—11 To Thomas Fiske Senr 7—8—8 To Charles Gott 2—8—6 Walter Fairefield 3—8—3 Wm Fiske 1—1—0 John Batchelder 0—18—0 & John Edwards for killing wolves 0—10—0

The mony Rate Cald in also & another comited to Constable Sam[ll] Moulton in the stead of it which is —21[£]—07[s]—00[d]—

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Highways

* At a generall town metting 3 of January 80—

It is Voated that the Serveiers of the high ways in Wenham for the yer Insuing have power to call together Soe many of the Inhabitants as they shall have ocasion for to mend any of our towne highways according to order from the towne and whosoever shall refuse to atend the wo[rk] one the high way being warned ther unto by the serveiers shall pay twoe shillings a day to be taken by the Constable by warrant from the Select men and the pay soe taken shall be disposed by the Select men for the use of the towne and it is Intended by warning they shall have three day noatic beforehand

John Killim John Edwards John Beare John Porter are Chosen Sirvei[rs] for the yere Insueing.

Ordinary

Walter Fayerfield was Chosen at a generall town meeting the 3 of Jeneuery 80 to keep the ordenary or house of publick entertainment.

Wood Rate

Tis votted that our Past[r] shall have six Coards of wood Added to his former twenty Coard for this present yere.

Thomas Patch Joseph Fowler & Sam[ll] Kemball are Chosen for a Comitte to see that our Past[r] have his wood paid in viz: by the last of feberary & in Cass any person or persons shall be defective in Carrying in his or their parte of wood timely according to this order shall forfit seaven shillings per Coard to be taken by warrant from the Select men & the abovesaid Comitte to have the forfitt & see the wood Carryed in according to this towne order & the peanalty to be taken by the Constable.

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An. Town Meet[g]

* 3d of January 1680

Selectmen

Walter Fairefield William Fiske James Friend Richard Huttn |Richard Dodg| are Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing.

Constable

Tho[s] Fiske Jun[r] chosen for Constable for the yere Insueing.

Voated that the accounts of those that have bin imployed about the Settlement of our bounds be referd to a Comitte to take them & allowe them if they be found alloweable or so far as they shall think meet & the said account to be forthwith taken & transmitted to the Select men to make a Rate forthwith & comit it to the Constable to gather forthwith by Comitte is to be understood they or the maj^{r} parte of them agreeing shall have power to Issue the matter as abovesaid. Accounts

The Comitte Chosen is James Moulton Richard Huttn & James Friend Sam^{ll} Kemball & Richard Dodg are the Comittee appointed for the above said worke.

Its voated that the towne shall Shingle our Past^{rs} house forth[with] as soon as the towne can doe it. Pastor's house

Captin Fisk Charles Gott & Thomas Patch ar Chosen a Comity with the Select men to se that the abovsaid hous be Shingled with all conveniancie.

Thomas Fisk & Charles Gott excep against the Choice & John Fiske is Chosen in his Brothers Roome & Ezeikle Woodward is also added.. (*page 65)

* Forasmuch as the Select men did make an order for the prevention of wast or spoile of our timber till an other order be made tis ordered that whosoever shall fell any oake timber upon any of our Comon without leave from the Select men shall forfit ten shillings per tree to be taken as a fine by the Constable by warrant from the Select men. Timber on the Common

Voated that the Select men have power to see the West Galerie finisht & Seate persons in it always provided that it be don by the persons Cost that shall sit in it & the other also if they think fitt. Meet^{g} house

Sam^{ll} Fiske Senr John Knowlton John Abey Juni^{r} John Edwards are Chosen Titheing men for the yere Insueing. Tithing men

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* At a towne meeting 26th: 11th: 80. (*page 42)

Voated that the Comites return about moneyes Expended for mony & time is accepted-- Accounts

that the wholl matter depending betwine the Villiag & our towne is left to the Select men to mañage. The Village (Salem Village)

2d: 11: 1681

Suit with Salem

Its voated that in Referanc to the matter depending betwine Salem & our towne its left to the Select men to prosecute in a Course of Lawe or to agree with Salem upon such termes as they shall think fitt.

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An. Town Meetg

Selectmen

Constable

* At a towne meeting this 2d daye of 11th: mo: 1681

John Fiske Charles Gott John Batchelder Thos Patch & Thos Fiske Senir are Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing

Henery Haget is Chosen for Constable for the yere Insueing.

Agreemt with the Pastor

Whereas our Pastr propounds to the towne an abatement of ten pounds of his yerly maintainance upon the Condition he maye have twenty pownds in mony & the other twenty pounds according to the former Ingeagment viz: one £ of Butter for every cow the towne agree to the abovesaid proposition for the next yere Insueing.

For an addition to the townes Ingeagment to our Pastr for his wood the towne agree to allowe him fowre Coards more than the last pers Ingeagment which will make thirty Coards in all.

Voated that our Pastrs outsyd fence shall be repaired for this next yere & its left to the Select men to se it don.

John Edwards Tailr Fiske & Samuell Abbey are Chosen for a comitte to see that our Pastrs wood be timely Caryed in upon the penalty of Seaven Shillings per Coard according to the last yers order.

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Surveyors of Highways

Rate

Lawsuit

Rates

* Richard Dodg Alexander Maxey are Chosen for Sirveyrs for the high wayes for the yere Insueing

Its voated that the mony which is put into the mony Rate which as the Select men saye they disburst for the managment of the Cass betwine Samuell Moulton & Joseph Porter in the Cass now depending & is in a Course of Lawe shall be taken out of the Rate—

Richard Hutten and William Fiske and Walter Fayerfield and Richard Dodg doth herby declare their decent against the above written voat Samuell Kimball doth decent alsoe.

Also that the abovesaid Rate be made over againe by the Select men leaveing out the mony abovesaid which the towne have agred to leave out.

Its voated that for the time to com there shall be noe mixture of Country & towne Rates together unless the Select men have order from the towne to the Conterary— Mixture of Rates

Its voated that Isack Hull have liberty to Run a fenc from Corner to Corner of his fenc taking in the buiring place upon the Condition that if the towne se cause to fence their buiring place the said Hull shall make one halfe of it ye fenc betwine* the said buiring place & his Land. Fence near the Bury^g place

(*page 68)

Whereas the widow Geare stand in need of the townes help to maintaine or releve hir its left to the Select men to take care for hir maintainance & to make a Rate upon the Inhabitants of the towne for the defraying of the Cost. Rate for the Widow Geare

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At a meeting of the Select men this 4th: of 11th: 1681 James Moulton John Abbe Seni^r^ John Edwards & Samuel Abbe are Appointed for Titheing men for the yere Insueing. Tithing men

Delivered a Country & towne Rate to Constable Thos Fiske this 4th: 11th: 81 amounting to 12£—16—9 all to be paid in mony. Rates

* At a towne meetting Jan. 9 1681 (*page 46)

Voated that the wholl matter Relating to the Setlment of Bounds betwine Salem & Wenham is left to the Select |men| of the towne Salem bounds

Salem 11th Febr: 1681

This is a true Coppie takn out of the towne |booke| of Salem.

Per John Hathorne
Recorder to the Select men

Wee whose names are underwritten being met together to setle the bound lyne betwine Salem or the Viliag & Wenham as an end of all Claimes & Controversies betwine our townes upon that account have agreed for a full Issue as followeth viz. to begine at Topsfield bounds at Bounds between Wenham and Salem (Salem Village)

or neare Wenham Cawswaye at a white oake there marked & set with stones & so to take the devisionall lyne betwine Joseph Porters farme & Wenham mens land till it comes to the Eastward end of Wenham Caswaye afore said & from thenc to the head or to include all John Leeches farme or land & so from the Eastward parte of the said Leeches land to mak up two hundred and eighty acres from the Eastward end of the caswaye aforesaid to the pine stump at the head of Beverly old lyne & so onwards upon said lyne till ye aforesaid 280 Acres be made up to Wenham in witness whereof we have here unto set our hands—20th Febr: 1681

John Fiske
Thomas Fiske
Charles Gott
Thomas Patch
John Batchelder
Wm Brown Junir
Samuell Gardner Senr
Jno Putnam
Israell Porter
Nath: Putnam
Joseph Hutchinson
Daniell Andrew

(*page 12)

Bounds of R. Braybrooks 20 Acres

* March 1: 1681

The Bounds of Richard Brayebrooks 20 Acres of land in the right of John White are as followeth—

The Select men being upon the place began to measur at John Whits Southeasterly Bound nere Lovets medow & from the edg of the upland they measured about 60 pole Northwesterly upon John Whits lyne according to the fenc where they made a bound & from thenc turning Northeasterly they made a heape of stones for a bound nere the Southeasterly end of a gravely hill & finding no more bounds any further Easterly towards the Sawe Mill they measured from said heape of stones Northeasterly & made a Corner bound & from said Corner turning Southerly to a greate white oake nere the gutter & from thenc turning a little more Southerly to a great rock West-

erly from the Carte path & Severall poles Northerly from Richard Brayebrook frame & from said rock with stones at it |our| bound lyne was stated to the Southeasterly Corner of John Whites aforementioned exempting the medow to the owner & forasmuch as said Braybrooks* |house| was exempted by measure & bounds & left into the Comon the Select men granted him libertie for the standing of it still duering his life time—and the land Adjoyning to the Northeast and Southeast of the above-said twenty acres was left for a highwaye as the Cart waye goeth to the brooke belowe the Sawe Mill.

Thomas Fiske Walter Fairefield Wm Fiske
Select men.

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* Delivered to Constable Henery Haget a Rate in mony for Contry & to buy weights amounting to 3—5—0— Dated 14th: 2: 82 (*page 69) Rate

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* 20th: 2^{d}: 1682 (*page 70)

At a towne meetting Walter Fairefield Deacon & Deacon |W^{m}| Fiske are appointed to Joyne with the Select men to meet with Topsfield men on frydaye come fortnight next & have full power to setle a |devisionall| lyne betwine Topsfield & our Towne. Topsfield bounds

In Answer to a warrant for sending three men to Quartermaster Peirking^{es} tomorrow at 10 of the Clock to give theire Subscriptions on the behalfe of the towne against Mr. Masons Claime of of the pretended Terteñants Walter Fairefield Thomas Patch & Thos: Fiske Seni^{r} are apointed to that end. Mason's Claim

John Fiske Richard Huttn Deacon Fiske Charles Gott Thos: Patch Walter Fairefield & Thos Fiske Seni^{r} are apointed with full power to Seate persons in our meeting howse from time to time till another order be mad to the Conterary— Seats in the Meet^{g} house

The question being put |to the towne| whither that land which Thos: Hobbs is in possession of shall be owned to Thos: Hobbs

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* The word "frame" erased and "house" written over it in the original.

be his |owne| in |Joseph| Robisons or |Mr| Faulkners right was Voated on the negative.

Also twas Voated there shall be 30 Acres of land layd out to Goodman Hobbs Joyning to the howse where he dwell to be for his use till the towne see cause to dispose of it some other wayes & Walter Fairefield Thomas Patch & Thos: Fiske are appointed to laye out the above said 30 Acres of land—

(*page 19)

Beverly & Wenham 600 Acres

* In persuance of an Agreement between Wenham & Beverly bearing date Oct. 22th: 1680 Mr Thorndick Nehemiah Grover Thomas West & John Dodge being sent with full power from the towne of Beverly meett with with the Select men of Wenham sometime in the 2d: month 1682 to measure out & sett the bounds of six hundred Accrs of Comon to Wenham according to said Agreement: did find about three hundred & sixty Accrs between Richard Dodges farme and the white oake att the Eastwardley end of pleasant pond Ipswich lyne and the South side of said pond on the one side and longham Meadow on the other side and the Remainder of the above said six hundred Accers they made up Easterly from the above said 360 Accrs & setled bounds thereunto as followeth viz: from the abovesd white oake at the end of the pond they marked a white oake with W being in or near Manchester lyne and about Twentey poles more then one quarter part of said lyne from the white oake at the pond end and to Chubbs Creek which by Computations was found to be about one hundred and sixtey & nine poles and from thence to a great white oake which the abovesd West claimed for his bound which they marked with a W and from thence to another white oake being said Wests bounds & marked it with W. at the Root of which leyeth severall great Rocks: & from thence on South westwardly to said Wests Corner bounds at the Gravelley Ridge and marked it with W:W and from thence so on about Thyrtey & three Rods to a white oake with a heap of stones about it and marked with a W & B and from thence turning towards longham Meadow they marked a red or black oake with W and B & sett a heap of stones

about it and from thence to a little red or black oake by the edge of the meadow & marked it with W and B. and sett a heap of stones about it and so from thence crossing said meadow to the upland on the other side by longham meadow which is the Three hundred and sixtey Acc^{rs} aforesaid—

Memorandum that before the Signing hereof it was agreed as followeth that flaggey meadow with the Island was not measured,—2ly: as to the Three hundred & sixty Acc^{rs} & two hundred and fourtey Acc^{rs} expressed in devitions wheither said Devitions be exactley computed or not we determine not—3ly: the distance between the white oake at the east end of the pond and the white oake marked with W & expressed, standing in or near Manchester Lyne wee doe not determine that said tree standeth exactley att such a distance or not: 4ly: that Ipswich lyne is the bound of said Comon from Richard Dodges farme to the west end of the pond (5ly:) The slipp of meadow by Turnup Swamp Included into Wenham by Crossing as abovesaid was not measured In Wittness of what is above written the persons above expressed have hear unto sett ther hands—

Thomas Fiske	John Dodge
Charles Gott	Paul Thorndick
Walter Fairfield	Thomas West
John Batcheler	Nehemiah Grover

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Bounds of Topsfield

We whose names are underwritten being impowered by our Respective townes viz. Topsfield & Wenham & met together this 5th daye of the third month 1682 to setle a devisionall lyne betwine our townes; have agreed that from a litle tree nere Joseph Porters medow marked with T & W & set about with a heap of stones & from thence to a plump of maples marked which stood Northward from the aforesaid tree & stands by Charles Gotts medow & from thence towards the river according as the brook runs untill it cometh to an Island by the edg of a swamp Joining to a piece of medow cald Pigtons medow & from the West point of said Island by the edg of the meadow till it comes to the West syde of Pigtons medow afore-

said & so including said meadow to Wenham to an Island caled Hutlbery Island & from thenc to the East end of said Island including all Walter Fairefields medow to Wenham by a straight lyne & this agreement to be a full setlement of a devisionall lyne betwine our townes & in confirmation thereof we have hereunto set our hands

Thos Fiske — Thos Baker
Walter Fairefield — Jacob Towne
Charles Got — John How
Thos Patch
William Fiske

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Rate Receipt

Rec^{d} May 17th 1682 from Henery Haget in full of Wenhams proportion to ye Rate for the Agent two pounds seaventeen shillings & foure penc

James Russell
Treasur^{r}

That this is a true Coppie compared with the originall Receipt

Attest Thos Fiske
Recorder

Receipts

March 5th: 82

Rec^{d} from Henery Hagget on the accompt of Wenham Rates five pounds & Ten shillings six penc in mony

Per James Russell

That this is a true Coppie Compared with the original Receipt.

Attest Thos Fiske
Recorder

Rec^{d} 26th Febrery 1682: of Henery Haget Constable the sum̃e of fifty five shillings & three pence in full of his County Rate: I saye rec^{d}: 2£: 15^{s}: 3^{d}

Per me Robt Payne
Treasurer

that this is a true Coppie

Attests Thos Fiske recorder

Receipts

Rec^{d} November 9th 1682 from Thomas Fiske Juni^{r} in full of Wenham Rates for the yere 1600 eighty & one five pounds fourteen shillings 9^{d} in mony I saye received

Per James Russell
Treasurer

That this is a true entry compared with the originall discharge Attests Thomas Fiske
Recorder

Received November 9th 1682 &c from Thomas Fiske Junir in full of Wenham Rates for the yere 1681 five pounds fourteen shillings 9d in money:

I saye received

Per James Russell
Treasurer

That what is above written is a true Coppie of the originall receipt Attests
Thos Fiske recorder

These are to Signifie that I have received from Thos Fiske in full the Rate Comitted to him as Constable for the yere 81 I doe hereby Discharge him of the same in witness whereof I have set my hand this 26 Jan: 85/4

Joseph Gerrish

That what is above written is a true Entry of the origin all receipt

Attests Thos ffiske recorder

At a meetting of the Select men 20th of November 1682 Benjamin Edwards Requesting for liberty to fall about 40 small pines with hemlock & ash trees to make a stage the Select men Refers the answer of his request to be made by the towne at the next Genll towne metting— B. Edward's Request as to cutting trees

Also Walter Fairefield demanding allowance for his time Expended for the towne for settling of towne bounds &c: the Select men Refers it also to the next towne meetting. Accounts

11th: 10th: 82

At a meeting of the Select men John Dodg did agree with them to allowe the towne 18s in mony for the rent of the towns right [of land] where his Sawe mill stand: for this present yeere & to paye said 18s at or before the last daye of march next. John Dodge's Saw mill

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Delivered to Constable Henery Haget one single Country rate with an addition the wholl—6—5—3 to be payd in mony: Rates

Dated 19th Dec: 1682

Also a Towne rate in mony for the bell with some Addition being 5£—8—8

Dated 19th Dec: 1682

Also a Rate for our Pastors maintainance with 30s |6d| addition all to be paid in mony: ye wholl 21£: 13: 6

Dated Dec. 11: 1682

Also: our Pastors paye rate

Dated Dec. 11: 1682: being with an addition 21: 13: 7d

Also: two single Country rates with a County rate all in paye 14£: 2s—8d

Dated 20th: November 1682

Also a towne rate for ye widdow Geare with some other towne cost 12£: 10s—0

Dated 26th: Dec 1682

Counstable Haget hath Collected the above said bell rate & paid according to order

As also the widow Geare Rate for 5£

An. Town Meets

At a towne meetting the first daye of the 11th mo: 1682:

Selectmen

William Fiske, Charles Gott Richard Huttn Samuell Kemball & Thos: Fiske Senir: are Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing

Constable

Robert Hibbert Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing.

Surveyors of Highways

Ensigne John Fiske & John Abbey Junir are Chosen for Serveyrs for the high wayes for the yere Insueing

J. Leech &c. admitted

John Leech Thos: Killim Mordicai Larcom & Joseph Batchelder are accepted townesmen to have towne priviledg—

John Edwards hath a towne priviledg granted him as an Inhabitant

Also Benjamin Edwards hath acceptanc of a towns man & that there is towne priviledg granted to the howse or sittiuation of his father Rice Edwards

Thos Kemball is accepted a townsman & hath towne priviledg granted him

Thos Patch accepted a towns man & to have towne priviledg

John Abbey Juni[r] is accepted for a towns man & hath towne priviledg granted him.

* Voated that the towne shall procure one paire of sheets one good blanket & two shifes & two wastcoats for the widow Geare. (*page 77) Widow Geare

Its voated that Edward Dodge shall have that parcill of upland within his stone wall Joyning to his medow neare long ham Bridg being about one acre more or less upon the Condition he paye to the towne three pound in Indian Corne rye or wheate—within one fortnight. Grant to Edwd. Dodge

Edward Dodg
his marke

Also its voated that the Select men shall take the above said three pound & there with releive the widow as above said Widow Geare

Upon a proposition made by Mr Gerish for an exchang of his 12 acres of land for the ministry house & land &c: Its left to the Select men John Fiske John Batchelder James Friend |& Walter Fairefield| to be a Comitte to Consider of the matter & make a report to the towne who will give Answer to the proposition. Exchange with Mr. Gerrish

* In referance to our Past[rs] maintainanc for the yere Insueing its voated that he shall have fifty pound ten pound whereof in mony & the other fortie pound according to the townes former ingeagment. (*page 78) Pastor's Maintenance

Also tis voated that our Past[r] shall have 30 Coards of wood for the yere Insueing—& John Porter John Barr Benjamin Edwards & Thos Fiske Juni[r] are Chosen to see that our Past[rs] wood rate be paid in & the former order to stand in force both for the time of the payment & upon the same peñalty.

Mr. Newman alleadging that there is Considerab[le] due to him upon the account of rates made for his late fathers maintainance the Towne hath Appointed Deacon Fiske Walter Fairefield & Thos: Fiske Seni[r]: to se that said rates be paid in & if ther be any parte that is not Capeable to be got in to make a returne there of to the towne who will take further order about it. Mr. Newman's Rates

* John Dodg being willing to set up a Corne mill where his Sawe mill stand. &c: the towne refers the Considera- (*page 79) John Dodge's Corn Mill

tion of his proposition to the Select men who are desierd to Give in theire apprehensions about the matter at the next towne meetting who are to give answer to the said proposition.

(*page 81)

Bounds of John Dodge's land

* 2d Daye of 12th mo: 1682

|The Select mens returne of| John Dodg his bounds of his land on the South syd of the river: viz from a white oake marked on 4 sydes standing belowe the mill & so to the brooke & medow till it cometh to John Edwards his Corner next the river being a white oake marked with D & so taking John Edwards his bounds to a tree blowne up by the roots wth a stake and heape of stones & from thenc to a white oake onwards still about twenty poales marked D which is said Dodge his Corner bounds & so turning about Northeasterly to a red oake marked on 4 syds & a heape of stones about it & from thence to a white oake marked on 4 syds & D which is the Northeasterly Corner & from thenc to a stooping white oake neare the river by the highwaye over at the Grape Vine marked on 4 sydes & D & from thenc Crossing the brook to a litle red oake on the North syd of sayd brook marked on 4 syds & with D & so takeing the edg |or bottom| of the hill for his bounds till it Com to a white oake marked on 4 syds being the bounds of his 15 acres which
(*page 82) lyeth on the North syd of said brooke & so running Northerly to a red oake marked on 4 syds & from thence to a stake & heape of stones about * 12 rod from said red oake & from thenc turning towards John Bares fenc to a stake & heape of stones & from thenc turning to a cloven rock neere the river above the mill alwayes provided that the said John Dodg shall allowe an opn road from the ford belowe his mill to John Edwards his land of two poles in bredth as also a conveyant waye from his corner bounds below his mill cross his land on the South syd of the brook to goe to long ham bridg: for carts & sleds &c: & to allowe conveynant barrs or gates to said road: & also to allowe liberty to John & Benjamin Edwards & theire succesrs to Goe over said Dodg his land with Carts & Sleds to the Comon: provided they doe not Damnifie

him & he |& his succesors| to have the like liberty over theire land: it is to be understood that in satisfaction of high wayes above mentioned & some other removeing of bounds alridy doñ John Dodg shall have all that strip of land from long ham bridg within Richard Dodg his fenc & so betwine the medow & the edg of the land ordainirly flowed by the mill till it come to the highwaye over the brook by the Grap vine* tis to be understood that twas ntended that land wthin Richard Dodg^{es} fence & from the corner of said fence to a dead white oake marked on four syds & from thenc turning towards the medow to a Red oake wth stones above it marked on four syds North westerly standing by a greate rock & from thenc upon a Square to the brooke. (*page 83)

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*Pay^{d} to Jno Leech 1682 by a Towne rate for Widow Geare— —1^{s}—8^{d} (*page 4) Rates, &c.

It. by our Past^{rs} money Rate	—3^{s}—0–
It. by a mony Country & towne rate	0—10^{d}
It. by the bell rate	—0—9^{d}
It. by a County rate	—2—0

It by Leuetenant Dodg —13^{s} in money wch s^{d} Lech ordered to Thos: Fiske Senir:

* 1682

paid to John Leech in paye by Country rate	2^{s}	(*page 5)
in the bell rate mony	9^{d}	
It. to a single Country rate in mony	10^{d}	
to Mr Gerish^{es} mony rate	3^{s}	
to widow Geares rate	1^{s}—8^{d}	

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* 14th: 1 mo 1682/3

At a towne meeting our Past^{r} Mr Gerish Propoundeth an Exchang with the towne viz. his 12 acres of land sometime Deacon Geares together with that 40$^{£}$ ingeaged to Mrs Gerish in Cass &c: as also w^{t} he hath bestowd or disburst upon Repaireations of the towne howse &c: for & in Consideration of the Towne howse wch he liveth in with the Land Appirtainning thereunto with the Appirtainances (*page 47) Exchange with Mr. Gerrish

The Towne Being desireous to incourag him in the worke of the ministry amongst us see meett to make the Town House

above said Exchange being satisfied with w^{t} he declared freely: that he will not remove from us for his Advantag.

Voted on the affirmative.

Also tis voated that Mr Gerish shall have the use of the above said Twelve acres of Land so long as he remaineth our minister the towne being freed of the Cost of fencing of it.

Also tis Voated that said 12 acres of Land shall remaine in fee simple to the towne & shall not be Disposed of viz: the fee simple of it without the Consent of every Inhabitant of the towne wch have Libertie by Lawe to Vote.

(*page 72)

Receipt

* Rec^{d} April 24th: 1683 &c from Henery Hagget Constable of Wenham by Corne & Disbursments elevn pounds one shilling in Country paye in full of theire Rates wch he was to Collect.

Per James Russell
Treasur^{r}

That this a true Coppie Compard with the originall Receip^{t}

Attests Thos Fiske
Recorder.

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* Deliverd to Constable Robert Hibbirt one single Country Rate & a County Rate both in paye: with som Adition (*page 48) Rates

the wholl — 11: 18-8

Dec: 16: 83

Deliverd then also to Constable Robert Hibbirt one single Country Rate in mony with some Adition—the wholl—7—9—8

Also: then deliverd to the abovesaid Constable one Town Rate of—18: 11: 8

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* 7th 11 mo: 1683 (*page 84)

Leiut Gott Ensigne Fiske Serjent Fairefield John Batchelder & Thos: Fiske Senir—Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing An. Town Meetg. Selectmen Constable

& John Porter Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing

Thos: Patch & Thos: Kemball are Chosen for Sirveyrs for the high wayes for the yere Insueing Surveyors of Highways

John Deñise is accepted a towns man to have towne priviledg John Dennis Admitted

It is ordered that the rate for the ministers wood shall be made for 30 Cords wn ye other rate for his maintainance is made & yt all on the west syde of the river shall pay theire proportions by the last of Febr: yerly & the rest of the towne by the last of Maye & in Cass any person shall neglect to paye his said rate the Select men shall give warante to the Constable to destraine eight shillings per Corde to procure it & for this Instant yere there shall be a rate for 30 Cords & paid as abovesaid Wood Rate

Its orderd that in Cass any person shall be defective in attending the Sirveyrs: warning (they giveing three dayes) every such person shall forfit 2s—6d per daye for every defect of any man that shall not attend as abovesaid & for defect of teames proportionable to the aforesaid 2s—6d per person to be gatherd by warant from the Select men Directed to the Constable Surveyor's Warning

* Its Voated that in refferanc to the returne of Leiuet Dodges Bounds & high wayes thereabouts the Select men are desired to goe againe upon the place & rectifie those things that are Justly Greviouse (*page 85) Dodge's Bounds

Rates, mixture of

Voted that the order against mixt rates is hereby repeald & in referanc to the mony rate made by the Select men being mixt viz towne & Country is hereby allowed

Grant to Mord. Larcom

Granted to Mordica Larcom six poals of Land where his howse stands

(*page 38)

* At a meetting of the Comitte

11th of Janauary 1683—

Seat in the Meets house

James Powland requesting the priviledg of a Seate in the West Gallary in the fore Seate upon the Condittion that he shall paye six shillings per yere to the ministry in mony as also to paye proportionably to the repaire of the meetting howse as need shall require from time to time this Agreement was made with James Powland abovesaid by the Comitte & there unto I the abovesaid James Powland have set to my hand

James Powland

(*page 85)

* At a towne meetting on the

14th of November 1684†

Jurymen

Richard Huttn Chosen for Graindjury man for the yere Insueing & Thos: Fiske Junir to serve on the Jury of Tryals for the next Court

Pastor's Maintenance

Also in referance to our Pastrs maintainance for this Instant yeer its voted yt there shall be ten pound in mony as parte of his fiftie pound paid

(† See next page)

Wm Knowlton's Rent

Killing a wolf

William Knowlton hath paid ten shillings (upon the accompt of rent due to the towne) to John Edwards per order of the Select men to satisfie him for killing of a woolfe & sinc towards the making of Thos: Hobs; his Coffen: 1s—6d & in wood by order to supply the watch 2s—6d [It] more to be paid by Serjent Huttn: 5s

Aprill 4th 93

* Aprill 30th: 1684

(*page 49)

Wm Lincorne warned

At a meetting of the Select men; there was an order drawne to our Constable to warne William Lincorne to remove him selfe & familly out of our towne; as also that said Constable doe give notice to Cornet John Dodg to free his howse (in our towne) of said Lincorne & familly.

Delverd to Constable John Porter halfe a single Rate for mony amounting to 2£: 18^{s} 11 bearing Date 25th: 2^{d} mo 1684 Rates

Also one towne Rate to be paid in mony bearing date Juñ 23th: 1684 for the supply of our towne Stock of Amunition: said mony: 4£ [5]^{s} then ordered to be put into the Clarkes hands to provid said Stock

Also Deliverd to Constable John Porter 1/2 a single Country Rate wth some Addition said Rate amounts to 2£: 19^{s}: 9^{d} bearing date 26th Agust 1684†

(† See preceding page) (*page 50)

* Deliverd to Constable John Porter a town Rate for the ministers maintainance wth 13^{s}: 4^{d} to the bell ringer wch Rate amounts to 51£:—03—11—to be paid according to towne order

Dated December 8th: 1684

Also the wood Rate of 30 Coards being dated December 11th: 1684—

* This 31 of March 1680 Rec^{d} of Samuell Kemball in full of his County rate for the yeere 78 I saye Rec^{d}: in full Per me (*page 41) Receipt

Robert Paine
Treasurer

12 December 1684 Rec^{d} of Samuell Molton thirtie shillings in mony being in full of his proportion to Country Rates in the yere 1680 he being then Constable for the towne of Wenham

Per order of
James Russell
Country Treasur^{r}:
Sam^{ll} Googin

That w^{t} is above writtn is a true entry Compard with the originall Receipt

Attests Thos. Fiske
Recorder

Received of Sam^{ll}: Molton twentie shillings in full for all rates due from him as Constable for Wenham in the yere 1680: I saye rec^{d}: by me

Joseph Gerish Des: 12th: 1684

That w^{t} is above writtn is a true Entry Compard with the originall receipt

Attests Thos: Fiske
Recorder

(*page 48)

Rates

* Deliverd to Constable John Porter one single Country Rate of 5—1—5 to be paid in mony: beareing date Date 11th: 1684—

Deliverd to Constable John Porter one single Country paye Rate with Some Adition amounting to: 5—17—8 beareing date December 19th: 1684—

(*page 50)

An. Town Meet^{g}

* At a Towne meetting
5th: Jañ: 1684

Selectmen

Leiuet Gott Ensigne Fiske Serjent Fairefield Corporall John Batchelder & Thos Fiske Seni^{r} are Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing

Constable

John Edwards Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing |& sworne 29th Juñ: 1685—|

Rates

Wheras there was a former order made viz—that the Select men shall take the Country Rate for theire rule in makeing the ministers Rate for his maintainance its ordered that for the yere Insueing every heade shall be valued or Rated to pay five Shillings per head. & all medow that shall be mowed this next yere wch lyeth unfenct shall be Rated at halfe soe much as other medows wch are within fence notwithstanding the former order—

Minister's Maintenance

Its voted that in Referance to our ministers maintainance for the yere Insueing that there shall be ten pound of said sume in money & the former order to Carry on a Sabothly Contribution to Gather said Sume is hereby revised onely & alwayes provided that the aforesaid fine of five Shillings for every person that shall be defective acording to said order shall be Gatherd by the Constable by warrant from the Select men* & improved for the use of the towne—

(*page 51)

Dodge's bounds

Thomas Patch Samuell Kemball James Friend & Doct^{r} Fiske are appointed a Comitte to Joyne with the Select men to perfect Leiuetant Dodge his bounds of land in our

towne & setle the high waye |& Comon| to long ham bridg—

Also to Joyne wth the Select men to veiwe Serjent Hut-tn^s^: & John Edwards theire land which they propound to the towne to exchang with the towne for some Comon & also Leiuetenant Dodg his exchang wch he desire all wch shall be Considerd at the Adjournment of this towne meetting wch shall be on the first mondaye of Aprill next Insueing

Exchange of land

Epherim Kemball is accepted a townsman & to have towne priviledg

Eph^m^ Kemball Admitted

Sam^ll^ Fiske Tayl^r^ and John Bare are chosen Servayers for ye year Insuing—

Surveyors of Highways

In persueanc of the above writtn order in Referance to Leiuetenant Dodg his bounds of his land mentioned in the returne by the Select men formerly made the Comitte above mentiond have voted y^t^ said Returne to be void & Aggre that s^d^ Dodges land shall be measured over according to his grants & bounds setld according to Instructions in towne order

Dodge's bounds

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* At a leagall town meetting

(*page 83)

6th: 2 mo 1685

tis Voted that if any person in our town shall take into his family any person or persons as Inmates or bring any person into the towne here to inhabit on any pretence whatsoever without the Consent of the Select men for his or theire abode in the towne or give in sufficient security to ye Select men to secure the towne of any damag that maye come to the towne by reason of his or their abode here: every such person shall forfit twenty shillings per weeke to the use of the towne to be takn by Destress by the Constable by warant from the Select men—

Order as to persons brought into town without leave

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* At a towne meeting

(*page 86)

6th: of 2^d^: mo: 1685

In answer to Richard Kembals request for the layeing out of his 20 acres of land according to his former grante —tis voted that it shall be layd out on the North Syd of flaggey medow & flaggey medow swamp—

R. Kemball's 20 acres

Serjent Fairefield Thomas Patch & John Edwards are Appointed to laye out the aboves^{d}: land.

Exchange with John Edwards

Voted that there shall be an exchang of land made with John Edwards viz said Edwards^{es} land in the neck being 18 acres being 7 of John Soolarts 10 acre lot & 11 acres which was formerly Goodman Woodwards for land in our Comon Eastward from Mordica Larcom^{s} house & Leiueten^{t} Gott Serjent Huttn Corporall Batchelder John Fiske & Thomas Fiske Seni^{r}: are Chosen & fully impowered to Compleate the aboves^{d}: exchang upon such termes as they shall see meett

Bridge below the Mill

Voted that Leuietant Dodg together with such others as shall see cause to Joine with him shall have liberty to make a bridg over the brook below the mill where the Select men shall Appointe

Great Meadow

Wheras there are some person or persons wch Claime medow in our greate meadow upon a Conditionall grante viz. former grants being made up or in such lik termes & some of our towne Inhabitants Complaining that they fall short of theire measur according to grante the towne therefore gives full power to the Select men to take notic of any such Complaint & Releive them by Comon medow which lyeth in the abovesaid greate medow—

(*page 87) Exchange with John Edwards

* We whose Names are underwritn being Appointed a Comitte to make & Compleate an exchang of land with John Edwards according to a towne order doe hereby declare that we have & doe hereby Aggree as followeth viz all that land be it more or less being a Corner of Towne Comon lying upon Beverly Lyne on the one syde & Mordica Larcom^{s}: land & Leiutenant Dodges land on the other syde to a Redoake marked on foure syds & a heape of stones about it about 73 poles from the aboves^{d}: lyne leaveing & excepting two acres from said Red oake to Mordica Larcom his Corner according to bounds & from the aboves^{d}: Red oake as the trees are marked to a white oake Southeasterly nere Beverly lyne marked with W & E & set with a heape of stones & so to Beverly lyne aboves^{d}: To have & to hold to the afores^{d}: John Edwards & his heirs forever—

For & in Consideration & upon the Condittion: that ye towne shall have & Injoye forever eighteen acres of land lyeing in the neck—Seaven acres whereof being parte of John Soolarts lott (deceased) Joyning to Henery Haggets land; the other eleven acres being that lott wch was some time in the occupation of Charles Gott the abovesaid John Edwards doe hereby warrant his Lawefull power* & Authority to make the aboves^{d} Exchange in his owne Name. (*page 88)

& in Confirmation of said Exchange the partyes abovesaid have here unto set theire hands on this 14th of s^{d} mo in the yere one thousand six hundred eighty & five

Thos: Fiske Senj^{r}:

Charles Gott
Richard Huttn John Edwards
John Batchelder
John Fiske

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* Deliverd to Constable John Edwards a Towne Rate to paye the Country County & towne Charges Dated 10th December 1685 amounting to the Sume of 11£: 17^{s}: 00— (*page 44) Rates

Also deliverd to Constable John Edwards a mony Rate Dated 10th of 10th mo: 1685 amounting to 5£—18—6 to paye Country Deputy & defraye other Towne Charges

The Select men have Received of the above pay Rate theire owne Rates by the Constabls order wch amounts to 1—18—4

Thomas Fiske [owdowd] Rec^{d} 3^{s}—6^{d}— of Constable Edwards in mony towards Nailes; to be paid by Corporall Batchelder 03^{s}—8^{d} Account

to be paid by Mr Newman —— 02—8^{d}
to be paid by Robert Symonds —— 01—2

* January 4th: 1685— (*page 52) An. Town Meet^{g}

Thos: Fiske Appointed Moderat^{r} for the present meetting & for the yere Insueing Moderator

Leift Gott Ensign Fiske Serjent Fairefield Corporall Batchelder & Thos: Fiske Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing Selectman

John Bare Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing Constable

Surveyors

Corporall Dodg & Thos: Fiske Juni^{r}: are Appointed for Sirvey^{rs}: for the yere Insueing

Pastors Salary

Its Voted that our Past^{r}: shall have ten pound in mony as parte of the |towns former| Ingeagment of 50£| for the yere Insueing|

Exchange with John Fiske

Its Voted that there shall be an Exchang made betwine the towne & John Fiske; viz miry swamp which lyeth in the neck Joyning to said Fiskes Land |for said land| which was formerly Goodman Huttns & |also| have impowred Serjent Fairefield Serjent Huttn & Thos: Patch to perfect the abovesd Exchang—

Ipswich Neighbors Meet^{g} house

The towne being sensible that by Reason of many of our Ipswich Neighb^{rs}: constant coming to our meetting our Inhabitants are very much burthened & thronged & that there hath bin greate disorder occassioned thereby & that notwithstanding they have bin fairely treated by the Select men about the mater yet in stead of complying with that which is eaquall & Just upon that account they are faln off from that which they themselves did formerly upon their owne motion pretend to doe in referance to the ministry for prevention thereof for the futher the towne do fully impower the Select men to Agree with them upon such termes as they shall see meet & in Cass they will not comply then to discharge them from Coming

Lease to John Carpenter

In Answer to the petition of John Carpenter for that parcill of land which he hath latly brokn up in the neck tis voted that he shall have the use of said land three yeers freely upon Condition that he shall sowe it with hayeseed the third yeere & then leave it smoo[th] land to the townes use againe

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* At a meetting of the Select men
the 8th Daye of Feberary 1685

Meet^{g} house

Daniell Killim Juni^{r} Requesting privilidg in our meetting howse for him selfe & family the Select men granteth his Request so long as he paye to our ministry seaven shillings per yere in porke malt or wheate or Indian Corne alwayes provided in Cass there be ocasion to inlarg the meetting howse then he the aboves^{d} Daniell shall

agree with the towne about that; as witnese his hand—
Daniell Killam

John Gilbert Requesting liberty in our meeting howse for himselfe & family upon Condition that he paye yeerly to our minister seaven shillings per yeere & in Cass there be ocasion to inlarge the meetting howse then to agree with the Select men w^t to allowe there unto: the Select men accept of his propossition & said John Gilbert have thereunto set his hand—

John
Gilbert

Samuell Lum̃ose Requesting liberty in our meeting howse for himselfe & family upon Condition that he paye six shillings per yeere to our ministr & in Case there be ocasion to inlarge meetting howse to pay twenty shillings towards it; the Select men accept of his proposition—

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* At a towne meetting this (*page 56)
16th march 1686—

Meet^g^ house

Its orderd that the Select men & James Freind are hereby impowerd to Repaire the Roofe of the meetting howse as they shall Judg most Expediant & nessesary

Exchange with Jn^e^ Dodge, Jr.

In Answer to the request of Jno: Dodg Juni^r^: to Exchange a strip of swamp |& upland| Joyning to his 15 acrs for the benefit of fencing for land Nere Henery Hagets the towne grants his request & doe impower Serjent Fairefield Corporall Killim & John Bare to Compleate the Exchang:—

Selectman

Leiuet^t^ Gott Refuseing to accept the towns Choice for Select man for this yere Serjent Huttn is voted Select man in his stead—

Wenham and Manchester Bounds

Wee whose names are hear under written being mett together on this 17th day of May in the year of our Lord 1686 for & in behalf of our townes Wenham and Manchester respectiveley to settle the bounds of the Com̃on land that leyeth Eastward of the pond called Plesant

Pond and Westward of the pine tree which is the Corner bound between Ipswich & Manchester and so straight over to a white oake tree standing in or neare to the lyne from the end of the said pond to Chubbs Creek marked with W & we have agreed to begin the devitionall lyne of bounds between us at the said white oak tree afores^{d}: which tree is set about with stones & so to run upon a straight lyne to the stump of a great pine tree in or near to Ipswich lyne called and knowne by the name of Dodges tree & near about upon a square from the said white oak at the end of the Sd: pond & all that part of Sd: Comon which leyeth Eastward of Sd: lyne doth belong to Manchester & that part which leyeth westerly doth belong to Wenham & this to be a finall settlement of the bounds of our towneships for ever as witness our hands the day & year above written

Richard Hutton	John Sibly
John Batcheler	Samuel Leatch
Walter Fayrfield	John Ley—

(*page 63) *† Wee whose names are hear under written being mett together on this 17th: day of May in the yeare of our lord 1686 for & in the behalf of our townes Wenham & Manchester Respectively to settle the bounds of the Comon land that leyeth Eastward of the Pond called Pleasant Pond and Westward of the pine tree which is the Corner bound between Ipswich and Manchester & so straight over to a white oake tree standing in or near to the lyne from the end of the s^{d}: pond to Chubbs Creeke marked with W and we have agreed to begin the devitionall lyne of bounds between us att the said white oak tree: aforesaid which tree is sett about with stones and so to run upon a streight lyne to the stump of a great pine tree in or near to Ipswich lyne called or knowne by the name of Dodges Tree and near about upon a square from the said white oake att the end of the said pond, and all that part of said Comon which leyeth Eastward of said lyne doth belong to Manchester and that part which leyeth Westerly doth belong to Wenham, and this to be a finall

settlement of the bounds of our towneshipps for ever as witness our hand the day & yeare above written—

John Sibley	Richard Hutton
Samuel Leach	John Batchilder
John Lee	Walter Fayrefield—

† This Return, which is the same as the preceding, was entered twice in the Record Book, probably by mistake.

* November 3d: 1686 (*page 58)

At a leagall towne meetting tis voted that there shall be Added ten pounds in paye to our Pastrs maintainance & so to Continue for the futher unless the Providence of God in some extreordainary waye shall disinable vs—— Pastor's maintenance increased

Its also voted that Thomas Patch John Pirkings & Samuell Kemball are Appointed & impowered to take & bring in to the Select men forth with a true invoyce of all the ratable estates in the towne Thos: Patch all that end of the towne Eastward of the Greate Pond brook John Pirkings all the rest of the towne from sd: brook westward so fare as Josep Batcheldrs & all the westward end of the town |from thence| to be takn by Samuell Kemball— "Invoice" of rateable estates

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Dec. 20th: 1686

Then deliverd to Constable John Bare a towne Rate for our ministers maintainance &c. amounting to the Sum̃e of 62£: 8: 6: which is to be Gathered forthwith according to Mr Gidneys warrant upon sd: Rate— Minister's Rate

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* December 25th: 1686 (*page 88)

in persueance of a towne order the Select men have laid out to Walter Fairefield (in the right of his father John Fairefield Deceased to make up a Grante to him of ten acres of medow & 70 of upland eighty in all) two acres of medow which was wanteing bounded by Thomas Fiskes Junir: his medow Easterly & Epherim Kemballs medow Southerly & Nathaniell Howards medow westerly & a parcill of medow then laid out to Thomas Fiske Senir: Northerly 2 acres laid out to W. Fairfield

4 acres laid out to Tho. Fiske, Sr.

also then laid out to Thomas Fiske Seni^{r}: foure acres of medow in the greate medow also in the right of John White late of Wenham to make good a grante of 4 acres to him by Salem Dated 27th: 12th: mo: 1642— Said medow is bounded by the above writtn medow of Walter Fairefield Southerly part of it & parte of it by Nathaniell Howards & James Friend theire medow also & westerly |& Easterly| by Thomas Fiske Juni^{r}: his medow—

(*page 58) An. Town Meet^{g}

* Janauary 3rd: 1686

Moderator

At a Generall towne meetting Richard Huttn Chosen moderat^{r} for this meetting

Selectmen

Leivet: Fiske Ensigne Fairefield Levet: Gott Serjent Huttn & Thos: Fiske Seni^{r}: are chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing—

Surveyors

Thomas Killim Chosen Sirvey^{r}: |of high wayes| for the west end of the towne from Joseph Batchelders westward & Robert Hibert for the Easterly end of the towne cald the Neck & Robert Symonds for the Country Roade for the yere Insueing—

Swamps to be divided

Voated that what Swamps there are in towne which are like to make medow wch will not predjuice the feed if they be takn in |[maye] then ye benefit of aproperating y^{m}| shall be devided betwin the Inhabitants of the towne the greate Swamp onely excepted—

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* Tis voated that wt Swamps shall be devided shall be devided amongst the Inhabitants of the towne who have right to Comon privilidg to every man alike by eaquall portions—

Ensign Fairefield Richard Dodg Thos: Patch, Benjamin Edwards are appointed a Comite to Sirvey the above mentioned Swamps & make a returne to the towne—

Adjournment

The towne meeting is Adjourned to the first mondaye in Feberary next—

(*page 89) Selectmen

* At a towne meeting Feberary 7th 1686

Constable

Samuell Kemball is Chosen Select man in Leivetanant Fiske stead he haveing Refused— Benjamin Edwards Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing from the time

that John Bare the present Constable have fully Gathered in all that Rate or bill of Assesments nowe in his hands |Comitted to him by the Select men| & made payement therewith according to the Select mens order & not till then—

John Dodg the son of Leivet[t] John Dodg of Beverly & Epherim Kemball are accepted townsmen & have towne privilidg Granted to them. J. Dodge &c admitted

Charles Gott Juni[r]: & Robert Symonds & William Fiske Juni[r]: & John Carpenter William Fairefield & Nathaniell Walderne are accepted as towns men & have town privilidg granted them.

Granted to the Widow White one acre of Swamp Joyning to hir farme where it maye be most conveynant for hir & the towne. Grant to Widow White

Voted that the Select men are impowered to make such orders as they in theire discretion shall thinke fit for the markeing & keeping of Sheep. Sheep

Voted that the streame or river is Granted to Ensign Fairefield & partners in the sawe mill which formerly stood betwixt said Fairefields land & the Widow Whites land to build a Corne mill & to any others that shall Joyne with them provided said mill be caried on with conveinant Speed. Grant to Ensign Fairfield &c for a Mill

Voted that all persons are hereby prohibited from felling any timber upon our Comon to Cary out of towne to sell eyther in shingle or board or any other wayes upon the peanalty of twentie shillings per tree to be paid to the towne: to be leaveid by warant from the Select men |to the Constable| or recovered by waye of Action. Timber on the Common

* In answer to the request of Leiveten[t]: Dodg &c that there maye be a place appointed them to make a bridg over the brook belowe his Sawe mill the towne have Appointed Leivet[t]: Fiske Serjent Batchelder James Moulton & Thomas Patch to Joine with the Select men to Appointe the place— (*page 90) Bridge below Dodge's Mill

Voted that the aboves[d]: Comitte are Appointed to veiwe Nathaniell Walderns land which he desireth to Exchange for the high waye on the Northerly syde of Beamans lott—also to make satisfaction to Richard Dodg for Exchange with N. Waldern

R. Dodge Highway

high waye over his land on the westerly sid of Longham bridg the said Comitte are fully impowered to Compleate the afores^{d}: matters if they see meet—

At a towne meeting Febr: 22th: 1686-7

Corn Mill

Voted that whereas there was a liberty Granted to Ensigne Fairefield &c: to set up a Corne mill where the Sawe mill formerly stood & persons not Appearing to Carry on said mill the towne nowe grante liberty to Leiventen^{t} John Dodg & Thomas Fiske Seni^{r}: of the brooke where said Dodges Sawe mill nowe Stand as also so much of that pointe of land on the Easterly side of the Carte waye as shall be conveinant for the accomadation of a Corne mill & Sawe mill as long as said persons or theire heires shall maintaine a Corne mill there for the benefit of the towne as also liberty to flowe or raise Pleasant Pond Easterly from Richard Dodges howse to turne that streame into Longham medow for the Inlargment of that brooke.

Feberary 28th: 1686-7

Rate

Yn Delivered to Constable John Bare a Count[y] Rate of 5£: 3: 5^{d} to paye: 5£: 2^{s}—6^{d} to the Country Treasur^{r}: in money together wth the Treasur^{rs}: warante

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Grant to John Dodge Highway

* At A meetting of the Selectmen 8th: of March 1686-7. The Select men measured out five acres & one hundered & seaven & twentie pole of John Dodges land in the Neck for the accommadation of a high waye on the Southerly side of his land which he bought of John Fiske formerly Richard Huttns being fourteen poles in breadth from the Southwesterly Corner & from thenc twenty nine pole to a white oake marked & from thenc upon a line to a greate rock about fortie seaven pole &½ & from said rock upon a lyne to John Carpenters Southeasterly Corner. & in parte satisfaction to said Dodg they have laid out to him two acres of Swamp lying in a tryangle Joyning to ye said Dodges bounds beginning said angle at a stake & heape of stones & so on to another heape of stones about

twenty & eight pole the second syde Northwesterly from said heape of stones about twenty pole to an ash tree marked on fowre sides & from thenc on a lyne to the first heape of stones above writtn; & for the remainder of five acres 127 pole have agreed to allowe three acres of land to sd: Dodg or his Assignes in flaggie medow plaine in Cass there be soe much Comon there allowing a Conveinant out let betwin the medow & sd: three Acres. Way

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* At a towne meeting 31th: March 1687 (*page 91)

Leivet: Charles Gott Chosen moderat: Voted that the Select mens order for fences & swine which was made 30th: 1: mo 69 shall stand in force for the yere insueing with the alteration of five railes or equivalent in steade of fowre mentioned in said order & John Edwards Thomas Patch James Moulton & William Jones are appointed for Sirvey: to see the Due keeping the above: order according to the true intent thereof. Moderator Order as to fences and swine

Voted that in Cass Wm Jones will ring the bell & sweepe the meeting house according to former usage & practice for the yere insueing he shall be allowed twentie shillings for his paines which is by said Jones accepted alwayes provided said twentie shilling shall be paid by waye of rate as formerly— Sexton Meet house

Voted that the Select men shall demand & receive of Leiuet John Dodg such Rent |for the two last yeers| according as the Select men formerly agreed with him for that pointe of land or so much of it as he used by his Sawe mill J. Dodge's Rent

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* At a towne meetting Sep: 20th: 1687— (*page 60)

This meetting being appointed to Consider of & agree to doe what is best to be don about our metting howse & Past maintainance & there being but a Small Appearance the meetting is Adjournd to the next Second daye or Mondaye Come Senite at one of the Clocke Meet house and Pastor's maintenance

& the said Adjournement being further put of till the 5th daye of this Instant October 1687: where all the Inhabetants were present & then the towne was by ye moderat: New Meeting House

desired to declare theire minds wheither they would build a new meetting howse & Admit our Ipswich neighb^{rs} to Joyne with them in the worke the wholl towne (declard them selves willing to build & that our Neighb^{rs}: should Joyne with them;) except seaven persons who at that time semd to deifer from the rest.

& in order to Carry on the matter the towne makes Choice of Leivetant Fiske Leivetenant Gott & Insign Fairefield Serjent Huttn & Thomas Fiske Seni^{r}: or the maj^{r}: parte |for a Comitte who have| full power to treate with Ipswich Neighb^{rs} about the matter & also they or the maj^{r}: part of them have full power to agree with a Carpenter on the townes behalfe & also twas then voted that the Newe Meetting howse shall be set as nere the old meetting howse as it can conveyantly be set.

Edw. Whittington admitted

Voted that Edward Whittington is accepted as a townesman & to have towne privilidg—

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An. Town Meet^{g}

* At a towne metting held Janauary the 2^{d}: o^{r} Lord 1687

Moderator

Leivet Charles Gott moderat^{r}

Selectmen

John Batchelder Richard Dodg Walter Fairefield Thomas Patch & James Moulton Seni^{r}: are Chosen Selectmen for the yere Insueing.

Surveyors

William Fairefield John Edwards & Nathaniell Waldern are Chosen for Sirvey^{rs} for the highwayes

Thomas Patch disaccepts of ye above said vote

Adjournment

The towne meetting is Adjourned to this daye fortnight at ten of the Clocke.

At the Adjournment on the 16th Daye of Janauary 1687-8

Constable

Twas put to the voate after some debate about w^{t} was Don on the 2^{d}: of this Instant month; whither the towne doe Judg it expediant now to Chouse a Constable

Twas voted on the afirmative John Peirkings Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing

N. Rich admitted

Nicolas Rich is accepted a townsman In Referance to the defrayeing the Cost of building our new meetting

house according to the Covenant made by the Comitte with the Carpenters it shall be raised upon the Inhabitants by waye of rate; twas unanimasly voted on the afirmative. New Meeting House

Also Voted that the Selectmen are Appointed to make the wholl rate & to take the last bill of Asessments made by the Justices for theire rulle onely provided those heads which were therein left out be rated with the rest in the rate which they shall make

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* Janauary 2^{d}: 1687 (*page $\overline{62}$)

At a towne meetting it is voted that the Comitte this daye Chosen for the Sirvey & record of land have full power to Doe what ever is Requisite in order to the makeing & to make the Conveyance of the land which Mr Gerrish had of the towne leagall. Survey & Record of Land; Mr. Gerrish

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* At a metting of the Select men Janauary 20th 87-8— (*page $\overline{62}$)

they then layd out a waye to our metting house for the Inhabitants of the East end of our towne cald the neck &c. where we Judg it most convejnant for them to Ride or goe to meeting which were pettitioners for it at the last inferi^{r}: Court of Pleas at Salem the waye for them to begin is by Jno: Denise his house & so as the path leadeth to the Widow Whites house & so by the South syde of said house takeing the path as it formerly went to Serjent Whites Bridg & so over the river where formerly it was & then as the path leadeth to the nearest place of the Country Roade where Capt Smiths land & Serjent Huttens land parteth & so into the Countrey Roade this was don with the Allowance of the owners of the land. it is to be understood that the pettitioners are to make Gates Convejnant & to bridg upon theire owne Cost & to maintaine them from time to time. Way to the Meet^{g} house from the Neck; Gates and Bridge

Thos: Patch
Richard Dodg
John Batchelder
Select men.

* At a towne meetting (*page $\overline{64}$)
Maye 21th 1688

Selectmen

Ensigns Fairefield John Batchelder & James Moulton Seni^{r}: of the old Select men Chosen for to continue in said office for the yere Insueing.
Leive^{t}: Fiske James Friend & Thos: Fiske Seni^{r}: Added to the persons aboves^{d}: to serve as Select men for the yere Insueing

Constable

Samuell Fiske (Taylor) Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing

Commissioner

Agreem^{t} as to Rate for Mr. Gerrish

Charles Gott Seni^{r}: Chosen Comissioner— The names of the persons that then agreed that there shall be a rate or leveye made for Mr Gerrish his maintainance for this Instant yere to make good our former Ingeagment of sixty pounds; ten pound of it money or as money & 30 Coards of wood: to which by theire hands they ingeage to paye theire proportions takeing the Country rate for the rule—

Richard Huttn

Mr John Newman	Thos. Fiske seni^{r}:
Walter Fairefield	John Dodg Junr:
Charles Gott Seni^{r}:	Thomas Fiske Junr:
James Moulton Seni^{r}:	Wm Fiske Senr:
James Freind	Sam^{ll} Fiske Capent^{r}:
Charles Gott Juni^{r}:	John Killum
Thos Hobbs	John Batchelder sen^{r}:
Nath: Walderne	Mordicah Larkum
Wm Jones	Nicholas Ritch
Epherim Kemball	Thomas Kemball
Thomas Killim	Edward Whittington
Thos: Patch	Robert Hebbart
Richard Dodge Seni^{r}:	Wm Fairefield
John Pirkins	Sam^{ll} Fiske Senr:
John Abbey Junr:	Thomas White
John Bare	Samuel Kellum
Sam^{ll} Kemball	Zacheus Goldsmith
John Porter	Theofehelus Dix
John Dodge Senr:	

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* May the 21: 1688

New Meeting House

Voated that the Comitte appointed for the Carying on the new meetting house have hereby full power to sell

& dispose of the old meetting house for the townes use to the best advantage when there shall be Conveynant time; Old Meet^{g} house to be sold

Voated that the seaven men under written are chosen and apoynted to seat the Inhabitants of our town in conveniant time eaqually according to their Judgments in our new meeting house. Seats in the New Meeting House

Captain Fiske
Lieften Fiske
Lieften Gott
Serg^{t} Batchelder
Serg^{t} Hutten
James Molten Sen^{r}r:
Walter Fayerfeld

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* Boston November 27^{h}: 88 (*page 165)

Rec^{d}: of Mr John Haris on account of Sam^{ll} Fiske Constable of the towne of Wenham fifteen pounds eight shillings & 2^{d}: in full for the Country Rate for that towne for John Usher Esqr: Treasur^{r} Michall Perry Receipt

That what is above written is a true Entery of the originall Receipt

Attests Thos: Fiske Const.

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* May 6th: 1689 At a Towne meetting wee the freeholders & Inhabitants of the towne of Wenham being deeply sensible of & thankfull to God for his greate mircey in delivering us from the tyerange |& opresion| of those Ill men under injustice & Cruelty we have so long groaned & wth all render our harty thanks to those worthy Gentlmen who have bin Ingeaged in so good a worke as the Conserveing our peace since the revolution yet being also Apprehensive of the many Inconvejances & hazzards of the present unsetlment of our affairs doe declare that wee expect that our Honrd Goven^{r} & Deputy Goven^{r} & Assistants Elected by the fremen of this Collony in Maye 1686 together with ye Deputies then sent downe by the respective townes to ye Court then holden & which was never leagally disolved shall convejne reasume & exercise the (*page 66) Revolution against Sir Edmund Andros

Gov^{t} as a Gen^{ll} Court according to our Charter on the

9th of this Instant Maye & in Soe doeing we doe promise & ingeage to aide & assist them to the utmost of our power with our persons & Estates praying God to Guid them in the managment of our ardous affaires & we hope yt all those who are true friends to the peace & prosperitie of this land will ridily & hartily Joyne with us herein. Voted with one Consent on the affirmative.

& then Chose Ensigne Fairefield & Tho: Patch to carry & aquainte the hon^rd: Comitte for Saftie & any other wm it maye Concerne wth this there mind & determination.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham May 20th: 1689

Representatives for Convention for re-establishing the Governmt

Thos Patch & Walter Fairefield were continued to Cary theire votes & to Joyne with the representatives of the other townes or any others needful to Assist in the re-establishing of ye Goverment according to our Charter as is above exprest—

Voted on the affirmative

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Rates

* December 12th 1689 then delivered to Constable Thomas Kemball a money Rate to the Sume of Seaventeen pound fourteen shillings & eight penc to paye Thomas Patch 0—8s—4d & the Country Treasurr: two rates & an halfe & to Thomas Fiske twentie shillings & eleven penc—

Delivered then to Constable Thomas Kemball our ministers rate Dated also 10th of Dec. 1689—& ordered by warrant from the Select men to Colect wch is 61£—09—0

Then delivered to said Constable the meeting house rate to Colect the remainder wch is uncrost & unpaid a Coppie whereof the Select men have takn.

Delivered to Constable Thomas Kemball a Rate of 32£—15—7 in paye to Answer five paye rates to the Treasurr & twelve shillings & two |shillings| to Ezeikle Woodward |in all fourteen shillings| the rate bears Date Dec: 25: 1689—

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* Jan: 24th: 1689 (*page 68)

An. Town Meetg Constable

At a towne meeting Thos: Kemball Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing—.

Selectmen

Deacon Fiske Leivet: Gott |Richard| Huttn Thos: Fiske & James Freind are Chosen for Select men for the remainder of the yere & untill the first Tuesdaye in March next Insueing.

Time for the Annual Town Meeting changed

Also tis voted that whereas the first Mondaye in Janauary yerly was appointed for our Genll Towne meetting tis nowe altred & removed to the first Tuesdaye in March |annually| at eight of the Clocke—

Surveyors

Also Richard Dodg Benjamin Edwards Charles Gott Junir & Joseph Batchelder are Chosen for Sirveyrs |for the High Wayes| for the yere Insueing—

John Coy

The question was by vote put to the towne whether the said towne would allowe that John Coye shall Injoye any parte of the townes Cõmon nere to Pleasant Pond or not.

Representative to Convention

twas Voted on the negative Thomas Patch requesting the towne to Chouse another in his stead to Goe to Court or Convention as a representitive for the towne the towne grants his request & have Chosen Thomas Fiske Senir in his stead—

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* At a towne meetting (*page 69)

March 4th 1689-90

An. Town Meetg Selectmen

Leivet: Fiske Ensigne Batchelder Serjent Huttn Samll Kemball & Thomas Fiske Senir:—Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing—

Constable

Samll Fiske Carpenter Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing.

Ministry house and land

In answer to Mr Gerrish his proposall; viz whither the towne will make a full Confirmation of the house & land which he liveth in together with any other land or right of land which is the townes which is in Mr Gerrish his possesseion or els take the house & land |abovesd| into their hands for theire owne: repayeing him his Cost & make good fortie pounds to his widow according to the townes ingeagment

(*page 70)

twas put to the vote |viz| whither the towne will Confirme said house & land to Mr Gerrish *& his heires upon the Condition Exprest in a writting under Mr Gerrish & Mrs: hands & seales—twas votted on the Affirmative Viz a Confirmation |of the house & land abovesd| to Mr Gerrish & his heirs forever—

Surveyors

Eperim Kemball Joseph Fowler & John Dodg Juni^r: are Chosen for Sirvey^rs: for the highwayes for the yere Insueing—

Caleb Kimball admitted

Caleb Kemball is accepted a townes man to have towne privilidg as an Inhabitant—

Pastor's salary

Voted that our Pastor Mr Gerrish shall have ten pounds per Annum in or as money as part of† his 60£

(† So in the original)

2 Acres granted to Tho. Patch

At a Towne meetting on the 7th of March 1689/90 upon a Request made by Thomas Patch for a Grante of two acres of land which he ocquipid in |the Right| of Thomas Hobbs Alleadging that he have disburst 3£ in money towards Thomas Hobbs his releife |upon y^t account| Tis Voted that Thomas Patch & his heires forever shall have & Injoyne the abovementioned two acres of land payeing fortie shillings in Currant payement to the towne or theire order.

Voted—

Rates

Delivered to Constable Sam^ll Fiske a money Rate of 26£: 10^s—00 & also ten paye Rates of 98£—10—11 to paye Mr Tilton 25 shillings & Thomas Kemball 2^s: 7^d in paye & of the abovesd mony Rates to paye the Treasur^r: 24£: 1: 10^d & to Mr Tilton 10^s: & to Thomas Fiske Senr: 20^s: & 12^s: 4^d to severall other persons who had lent mony for the towns use—

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* March 4th: 1689-90

Land laid out to Mr. Gerrish

At a towne meetting Leivet: Gott Walter Fairefield & Thos: Patch together with the Select men |are appointed| to laye out two Acres of swamp to Mr Gerrish Joining to Robert Mackclaflins Bounds; & also to laye out an acre of Swamp land to the Widow White & to examin the title of land Joining to Trusselers farme & make return to the towne.

Voted that whosoever shall neglect to Carry theire proportions of wood to our Past^{r}: at or before the first of Aprill from time to time shall paye 10^{s} per Corde to be Leveyed by |warrant from the| Select men upon the Goods of any person or persons whatever that shall be defective who is hereby ordered to take said 10^{s} per Cord & therewith make good said Defect of wood— Order as to the Paster's wood

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* Charles Towne ye 2^{d} June 1690 Then Rec^{d} of Thomas Kemball Constable of Wenham twentie eight shillings & five penc which with eight shillings & fowre penc allowed for five men that were out S^{r}: Edmonds time is the full of the two Money Rates & an halfe of sd Towne (*page 53) Receipts

Jno: Phillips
Treasur^{r}

Charles Towne Jully 17th: 1690 Then Rec^{d} of Mr Thomas Kemball Constable of Wenham twentie one pound five shillings & eight penc as money in full of the five Rates of s^{d} Towne which he Collected by his warrant from the Select men of s^{d} Towne—

I saye rec^{d} per Jno: Phillips
Treasur^{r}—

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* At a towne meetting 3^{d} of march 1691 (*page 71)

Leiut^{t} Wm Fiske Charles Gott Ensign Batchelder Thos: Patch & Thos: Fiske Senr are Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing |Thomas Patch disaccepts the above-said vote| An. Town Meetg. Selectmen

Thomas Fiske Juni^{r}: Chosen for Servey^{r}: |for the high wayes| for the west end of the towne as far as Sam^{ll} Moultns & Joseph Fowler for the towne as far as the river & Nath^{ll} Waldern for the neck viz the east end of the towne Surveyors

Thomas Patch disexcepting his Choice & there being an eaquall vote betwin John Peirkins & him said Peirkins is declard Select man for the yere Insueing Selectmen

Richard Dodg Requesting a Grante of seaven acres of land which he is in possession of by a Bargain with Grant to Richd Dodge

Thos: Hobbs |aleadging his Disbursment for his Releife| the towne Grant his Request upon Condition that he doe paye ten shillings more |& a load of wood| to the towne or theire order |& was accordingly paid to Goodman Hobbs|

Timber &c. on the Common

Voted that no person whatsoever shall take libertie to Cutt eyther wood or timber upon the Comon to sell out of towne upon the peanalty of 10^{s}: per tree to be taken by warant from the Select men to the Constable the one half to the towne & the other halfe to the persons that shall be impowered to prosecute this order

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& William Fairefield & Epherim Kemball are appointed for the west end of the towne *& Richard Dodg Benjamin Edwards are Appointed for the East end.

Whereas thers Complainte made that there is Greate Spoile made in our Comon by felling of Trees & letting them ly to be lost to ye Greate wast of o^{r} wood Its ordered that no person whatever shall fell any Tree or Trees upon said Comon for the space of one yere from the date hereof (except Timber for building & fencing by Leave from the Select men according to former order) upon the peanalty of 10^{s} per Tree to be taken by the Constable by warante from the Select men—& the Comitte apointed for the former order are impowered to prosecute this order—

Saw-mill near Lord's Hill

Granted to John Porter & James Freind libertie to stop a brooke in the Comon nere Lords hill & turne it into John Porters land that so they maye have the priviledg of the watter to set up a Sawe mill—

Constable

John Dodg Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing

Adjournment

The Towne meetting is Adjourned |to March 23th| next at one of the Clock but

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At a towne meetting March 23th: 1691

J. Batchelder Jr. admitted Seat in the Meet^{g} house

John Batchelder Juni^{r}: was voted to be an Inhabitant of the towne & have towne priviledg—

Abraham Tilton have libertie granted him to build a seate in our parte of the meetting house upon the South galerye next the walle at the end next Ipswich mens seates provided there shall be two of our Inhabitants

seated with him as also when he shall remove awaye from the limits of this Congregation then his said seate to be at the townes disposall—

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* At a towne meetting march 23th: 1691 (*page 67)

by Adjournment.

Voted that the Select men shall take Care that there be about two acres of the best of the townes land fenct in for the releife of Thomas Hobbs provided they will promise to plante it but in Cass they will not then the Select mens bargain with Tho: Patch Josia Dodg & Nathll Waldern for theire hireing of the land which said hobbs did formerly improve to stand good

Relief of Thos. Hobbs

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* March 9th 1691 (*page 73)

At a meetting of the Select men at the House where Thomas Hobbs liveth said Hobbs then quitted Claime to that land which he was in possession of

Thos. Hobbs' Quitclaim

by leave from the towne which was Duering theire pleasur said Hobbs then delivered possession |of said land| to the Select men in the presenc of Josiah Dodg John Deñese & Nathll: Walderne to be wholly at the townes dispose—

March 23th: 1691

Salem perambulation

At a meetting of the Select men Thomas Fiske Junir: Samll Fiske Senir: Thos: Kemball & Tho: Killim are appointed with full power to meet with such Salem Gentlmen as shall be sent to Mr Joseph Hericks on the 30th of this Instant at ten of the Clock to perambulate the bounds betwin Salem & Wenham

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March 30th: 1691

We whose names are underwrittn being appointed by the Select men of Salem to goe in perambulation with Wenham men that were Chosen for that end & have Joyntly owned & renewed the bounds according to an

agrement made betwine Salem & Wenham as appeares bearing date Janauary [2]7th: 1681

Isac Cooke
Pettr Cloice
Roberd Wilson
Jonathan Putnam

At a meetting of the Select men
Aprill 2: 1691

Beverly perambulation

James Freind Thomas Fiske Junir: Samuell Kemball Thomas Kemball Epherim Kemball John Edwards Benjamin Edwards & Josiah Dodg & John Bare are appointed to Joyne with such of the Select men as shall Appeare to goe in perambulation with such of Beverly as shall be sent by theire Select men to Renew & Perambulate the bounds betwine Wenham & Beverly & to meet at Leiuet: John Dodg his house on the 14th: of this Instant month at eight of the Clock in the morning.

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* At a Towne meetting October 30th: 1691

Thos. Hobbs Lease

Twas voted that the lease of the land which Thomas Hobbs improved by leave from the Towne which lease was made by the Select men in the Spring last shall hold good & be of force unlese the towne & they which have hiered it shall see Cause to make it voide—

Fortification

Twas voted that for as much as we Apprehend it our Duty to doe what we maye for our safitie in this time of Danger that there shall be a fortification built for a shelter for our women & children &c: & the matter wholly is left to be Determined both where & in what mañer to build to Leiuet: Fiske Ensign Batchelder Capt Fiske Leut: Charles Gott Corporall Dodg Tho: Patch Benjamin Edwards Corporall Freind & Samuell Kemball or the majr parte of them forthwth: to meet & Determin the matter—

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* At a Towne meetting
November 30th 1691

Lease to Widow Hobbs

Voted that the widow Hobbs shall have the use of the house that shee nowe liveth in with an acre of land adjoyn-

ing to it the oartchyard being parte of it for the time of hir widowhood & Abboard in said house provided shee shall not take in any Inmate with hir nor laye any Claime to the fee simple of it & the Select men are impowered to laye out said acre of land—

Voted also that the Select men doe forthwith laye out said acre of land & also compleat that Bargaine made by them on the townes Behalfe in the Spring of the yere last for the leating of the rest of the |towns| land which Thomas Hobbs did improve to Thomas Patch Josia Dodg & Nathaniell Waldern by making entry of it into the Towne Booke

Lease to Tho. Patch &c.

Also voted that Sam^{ll} Fiske Seni^{r}: Jno: Bare & Joseph Fowler are appointed & impowered to see that the Arrears of Mr Gerrish^{es}: wood rate be brought in as also that the present yers wood be paid in according to towne order.

Wood Rate

At a meetting of the Select men (*page 75)
November 22th 1691

Lease to Tho. Patch &c.

Persuant to the Towne order abovewrittn the Bargaine made with Thos: Patch Josia Dodg & Nath: Walderne for the leaseing of the Towns land (wch Tho: Hobbs did formerly improve) For the Terme of seaven yers from the first daye of March last past viz all that land lyeing bounded by Nathaniell Walderns & Richard Dodges land Westerly & Ipswich lyne northerly & Tho: Patches land Easterly & upon the Comon Easterly & Southerly be it 20 acres more or less the hortyard made up an Acre about the house being Excepted for the use of the widow to have & to hold |for the full terme abovesaid| they Yeilding & payeing fiftie shillings per yere in provision at a Curant prise to the Select men or theire order for the towns use as witnese their hands†

† Canceled in the original.

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* At a meetting of the Select men December 22th: 1691 (*page 75)

Persueant to a towne order for the Select mens Compleating the Bargaine or lease with Thomas Patch Josia Dodg & Nath: Walderne of a Tract of Towne |land| which Tho: Hobs did formerly improve which lease or Bargaine we made with said parties in the Spring of the yere last

past for the terme of Seaven yers from the first daye of March last the land being 20 Acres be it more or less as it lyeth Bounded by the Towne Comon Southerly & Easterly partly & partly by Tho: Patch his land & by the Devisionall lyne betwine Ipswich & Wenham Northerly & by Nathaniell Walderns land & Richard Dodges land Westerly To have & to hold to the aforesd: Tho: Josia & Nath: to them & to theire heirs & Assignes for the full terme abovesd: Except one Acre of land about the house which we have laid out according to towne order they yeilding & payeing fiftie Shillings per yere to the Select men or theire order yerly for the use of the towne in good provisions at a Curant price &—in Confirmation of the abovesd: Bargaine the abovesd: Thos Patch Josia Dodge & Nath^{ll} Walderne have hereunto set theire hands.

Thomas Patch
Josiah Dodge
Nathaneal Waldern

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* Dec. 22th: 1691

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There being an objection by the persons who have hired the land which Tho: Hobs did improve that their improvement was interrupted by Richard Dodg; the Select men doe owne that Tho: Patch & Josia Dodg had onely the pasture for which they were to pay twentie shillings & there is in Richard Dodges hands & Nathaniell Walderns hand thirtie shillings more for the first yers rent—

Josia Dodge have paid by the Coffen for Thos Hobbs & one B: of Indian Corne 10^{s}—

Tho: Patch Credit^{r} for Hobbs^{es}: winding sheet five shillings—

Nath: Walderne is allowed 5^{s} for his Demand for wintering Hobbs^{es}: mare—

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* December 23th: 1691

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Land laid out to Mr. Gerrish

The Comitte Appointed have laid out to Mr. Gerrish two acres of Swamp lying betwine Robert Claflins Bounds & Mr. Smiths medow begining at a litle maple marked

on four sids which is Claflins bound next the medow & from thenc Easterly 30 pole by the edg of the medow to a litle ash with the top cutt of being also marked on foure sydes & from thenc squareing Southerly 19 pole to a stake standing at the edg of the upland 29 pole from the litle maple first mentioned.

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* At a towne meetting (*page 76)
March 1: 1692 An. Town Meet^{g}

Tho: Fiske Seni^{r}: Chosen moderat^{r} Richard Huttn John Porter James Friend Mr Newman & Thos: Fiske Senr Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing— Moderator Selectmen

William Fairefield Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing— Constable

William Knowlton Chosen Sealear of Lether. Sealer of Leather

Upon a motion made by the Inhabitants of the Towne Westerly of the Straights to take all the highwayes alridy laid & stated together with such as shall be laid out at that end of ye Towne into theire Care to make & repaire from time to time; the Towne agree to it: & free them from any further duty in repairing of highwayes els where— Highways west part of the Town

Sam^{ll} Kemball & John Bare are Chosen for Sirveyres for the high wayes in the rest of the towne for the yere Insueing— Surveyors

Sam^{ll} Killim John Gott & Theophelas Rix accepted as inhabitants & to have towne priviledg— S. Killim &c. admitted

* Voted that John Deñise shall have libertie to take in 60 poles of land lying before his Dore & to keep it three yers & then lay it open to the Coñon againe plaine or smooth land provided he provid a bell rope forth & 1 ^{lb} of Cut tobaco yerely duering the sd: terme as an acknowledgment (*page 77) Lease to John Denise

In Referance to a more efectuall waye for M^{r}. Gerrishes wood Rate to be paid in Tho: Kemball, Charles Gott Juni^{r} & John Edwards Senr are appointed a Comitte with full power to pros[ecute] the towne order Dated March 4th: 1689/90. Wood Rate

Voted that John Coye shall have & hold in fee simple that 25 Acres of land which his house is built upon to- Grant to John Coy

gether with a strip of upland lying betwin his fence & the path which goeth to the swamp & that strip to be made up six acres in said swamp to him & his heires forever upon Condition that he paye the towne thirteen pound Curant Silver money forth with & twelve pounds more in the same Specia at or before the first daye of March next Insueing—

Voted that the Constable shall rec: the first payment & laye it out in bills of publike Credit to the best advantag not exceeding 16^{s} for a 20^{s} bill & there with make payment to the Country Treasur^{r} upon the account of the rate which is in his hands to gather

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* At a meetting of the
Select men March 7th: 1692

Fences

Its ordered that all Generall & pertikular fences for Corne fields & Inglish Gras pasturs shall be made five Rayles or equivolent & shall be made up by the first daye of Aprill next Insueing upon the peanalty of five shillings for every Gap that doe not exceed two poles & so proportionably for greater quantities—

Item that all medow fences Generall & pertickular shall be made up by the said first daye of Aprill & so kept & maintained a good three rayle fence or equivolent from time to time upon the penalty of five shillings for every gap that doe not exceed two poles & so proportionably for greater quantities

Surveyors of fences

James Moulton Seni^{r} John Bare Joseph Fowler & Samuell Moulton are Appointed for Sirveyors of fences for the yere Insueing—

Rams

Item it shall not be Lawefull for any person to let theire Ram or Rams goe at libertie from the first daye of August next untill the last daye of October next Insueing upon the forfiture of such Ram or Rams goeing at libertie to any person that shall take up such Ram or Rams

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* At a towne meetting
Aprill 12th: 1692

Walter Fairefield Tho: Patch & Tho: Fiske are Chosen

Suit against Jon[a] Hobbs

& fully impowered as Attourneys for the towne in theire name & for theire use to Appeare in any of theire Majesties Courts to sue & prosecute against Jonathan Hobbs for that said Hobbs have Takn into his improvement a parcill of Towne Comon in that place Caled the Neck said land being about 24 Acres be it more or less and to defend in any Court as abovesd: as Also to use any other Lawefull meanes to Recover the towns right in said land out of said Hobbs improvement as fully & Amply as the towne in Generall any waye can doe Ratifieing & Confirming what the afore sd: Attourneys shall lawefully doe or cause to be don in & about the premisies—

At a towne meetting
October 5th: 1692

Gen[l] Court

The question being put whither our towne would send but one to the Gen[ll] Court next sitting twas voted on the Afirmative—

Representative

Twas also voted that Ensigne Walter Fairefield shall Attend the remainder of this Sessions of the Generall Court & no other—

Twas also voted that (in Answer to Ensigne Fairefields proposall that two shillings per days should be Satisfaction for his Attendance at Court) that he should have three pound of that money which is in John Coyes hands parte of it for his service alridy don & the rest of it for his service which he is Appointed for—

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* At a |Lawfull| Towne meetting
March 7th: 1692-3

An. Town Meet[g]

Selectmen

Leue[t]: William Fiske James Freind John Porter M[r] Newman Tho: Fiske Seni[r]: are Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing—

Town Clerk

Tho: Fiske Seni[r]: for Towne Clarke—

Constables

Nathaniell Waldern & Charles Gott Juni[r]: Chosen Constables—

Sealer of Leather

Benjamin Edwards Chosen for Sealer of Leather

Clerk of the Market

Ensign Walter Fairefield Clarke of the market for sealeing of weights & measurs—

Commissioner

Richard Huttn Chosn Comissioner—

Tithingmen

Ensign John Batchilder John Killim & Epherim Kemball Chosen Titheing men for the yere Insueing

Surveyors

Sam^{ll}: Fiske Senr: Thomas Fiske Juni^{r}: & Robert Hibbirt are Chosen Sirvey^{rs} for high wayes.

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Fence-viewers

* William Fairefield & Thomas Kemball for the west end of the towne & John Peirkings & Joseph Fowler for the midle parte of the towne & Thomas Patch & John Bare for the Neck are Respectively Chosen for veiwers of fences for the yere Insueing

Genl Courts doom

Voted that Ensigne Fairefield shall goe to Generall Court forthwith to prosecute an Address which was put into the Court by the Select men to Remove the Generall Courts Doome upon our Towne which they layd in the yere 1689 of 12£

Trespass on the Common

Twas voted that ye Select men |for the time being| are impowered & Appointed to be Attoourneys for & in behalf of the towne in theire name & to theire use to prosecute against all & every person that hath |or shall| conterary to the Laws of this Province or conterary to the orders of this Towne Comitted |or shall Comit| any Trespas against said Towne by doeing Damag thereunto by fencing in any of the towns Comon land & in pertickulare Johnathan Hobbs thereby to hinder the Comoners from the benefit thereof or by felling wood or Timber on said Towns Comon land or Causeing the same to be don whereby the propriet^{rs}: of said Comons are damnified or by doeing said Comon Damag any other waye; we doe fully impower our said Select men or the maj^{r}: part of them to prosecute such offenders by acction at Lawe before Lawfull Authoritie & also to Remove any ston wall fenc or any other fenc whatsoever the Select men shall find standing upon our Comon & in pertickular to remove Jonathan Hobbs his fenc, & we also appointe & impower the said Select men to defend in the towne Right in any of their Majesties Courts in this Provinc Rattifieing alloweing & Confirming w^{t} soever they shall Lawfully doe or Cause to be don in & about the premisies—

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* Also tis voted that the Select men for this present yere are impowered to make such prudentiall orders about

fences for Corne feilds & other Inclousers as shall be nessesary according to theire Judgments for the benefit of the Inhabitants & for the well ordering of swine to prevent them from doeing of Damag: & also for the well ordering of sheep & the sheep pastur; & also to make orders for the preserveing of timber upon the Comon from being wasted & misimproved & that what libertie shall be granted by the Select men or the maj^{r}: part of them to any of the Inhabitants of the towne to Cut timber on the Comon be enterd in the Towne booke

Fences

The Towne meetting is Adjournd to the next mondaye Com Senite at twelve of the Clock at the meetting house—

Adjournment

At Town Meetting
March 20th: 1692-3

Voted that that percill of upland which lyeth Joyning to Ipswich lyne betwine Tho: Patch his land & Richard Dodges land which land was formerly improved by Tho: Hobbs late deceased
shall be sold to procure money to paye the Towns debts as also a percill of swamp land which is the Towns lyeing betwine Turnup bridg & John Coyes Dam as also a Slip of upland lyeing Westerly from Longham medow betwin said medow & Richard Dodges land which he bought of Wm Dicksey:

Land to be Sold

Voted also that ye Select men or the maj^{r}: parte of them are impowered to make sale of the abovesaid lands or eyther of said percills for the procureing of money to paye Constable Sam^{ll}: Fiske &c. & w^{t} shall be found overplus if any of said sales & wth w^{t} is in John Coyes hands shall be for the townes use towards the payment of this great rate

Also James Freind m^{r} Newman & Sam^{ll}: Kemball are appointed a Comittee to Adjust accompts betwin the towne & pertickular persons—

Accounts

Also twas voted that the Select men shall take Care that Jonathan Hobbs his Just bill of Cost against Thomas Patch & the rest be paid

Jon^{a} Hobbs Bill of Cost

* Mr Gerrish propounding libertie to the town to pur-

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Mr. Gerrish's proposal as to house

chase that house & land which Tho: Fiske Juni^{r}: liveth in: The towns Answer is that they doe not se meet to purchas it—

J. Friend and J. Dodg admitted

Also James Freind & Josiah Dodg are accepted as Towne Inhabitants & to have towne privilidges

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Manchester perambulation

* This is to Certifye all whom it may Concerne that L^{t}: John Sibley & m^{r}: Thos: West: & Robert Leach: are chosen and Impowered to Joyne in perambulation with Wenham men upon ye 17th: day of Aprill 1693 or the next fair day—

Thomas Tewpbery per order
Select men of Manchester

Wee the subscribers being Appointed by the Select men of our Townes of Wenham & Manchester to meett together to run the lyne of perambulation betweene our Townes & to sett rang bounds upon the lyne betwene the great white oake tree with a heap of stones about it & marked with **W** & **M** & the pine stump standing near Ipswich lyne we have accordingley this sevententh day of Aprill Anno Dom̃: 1693. being mett together marked a small black oak tree standing upon a small knowle & a clump of four maples standing in the swamp whereof we marked two of said maples & then we marked a small Hemlock tree standing on the brow of a hill & from thence to goe along to the pine stump near Ipswich lyne & these severall bounds we have settled to be rang bounds between our Townes of Wenham & Manchester, & have hear unto sett our hands:

John Sibley	John Newman	for Wenham
Thomas West	John Porter	
Robart Leach	Richd Dodge Senr	
for Manchester	John Edwards Senr	
	Benj^{a}: Edwards	
	Nathaniel Walderne	

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* Charles Towne May 19th: 1693

Then Receivd of Mr Sam^{ll} Fiske Constable of Wen-

ham one hundred & two pound as money in full of the twentie Corne Rates for said towne Receipts

I saye Received; by John Phillips
Treasur^{r}.

Charles Towne May 19th: 1693

Then Rec^{d}: of Mr Sam^{ll} Fiske Constable of Wenham the sum of twentie foure pound one shilling & ten pence in parte of the last two mony Rates & halfe & sixtie foure pound five shillings as money in part of the ten Rates of said Towne

I saye Rec^{d}: per John Phillips
Treasur^{r}:

That what is above Enterd are true Coppies of the abovesaid Treasur^{rs} Receipts

†Attests Tho: Fiske Seni^{r}:
Town Clarke

† On the 80th page of the original is entered a copy of a receipt the same as this, except it is dated May 9th instead of May 19th.

* At a meetting of the Select men (*page 95)
Jun: 5th: 1693—

Leuet^{t} Fiske paid the Glaser 13^{s}: 6^{d} for the Townes use & one shilling paid to the Select mens use when Serjent Patch paid his mony Account

Item then paid 1^{s} mony by Tho: Fiske Seni^{r} to the Select men for theire Expences—|wch was towns mony in their hands.|

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* At a towne meetting (*page 80)
Jun: 19: 1693—

Benjamin Edwards & Thomas Fiske Juni^{r}: are Chosen to serve at the next Quarter Sessions of the Peace & Comon Pleas on the Jury of Tryals Jurymen

Voted that Ensign Fairefield shall have seaven pound one shilling for his service at Generall Court as Representitive the two first Sessions of the Generall Court in the yere 1692: besids that three pound mony Rec^{d}: in October last past in full of all accounts according to the Comitteys returne—Also voted that the Select men shall Representative

paye him foure shillings for Cost as also the affores^{d}: sum̃e of seaven pound one shilling; five & twentie shillings alridy orderd upon our last list being there allowed to him as parte of the seaven pound five shillings to be substracted the remainder now due being six pound— |which the Select men paid him|—

(*page 95) * At a Towne meetting
July 30th: 1694

Assessors

Leivet^{t}: Wm Fiske Walter Fairfield & Thomas Fiske Seni^{r}: are Chosen assossors for the yere Insueing—

(*page 80) * At a Towne Meetting
October 17th: 1693—

Topsfield Bounds

Severall of the Inhabitants of Topsfield having propounded for an alteration of that part of the Devissionall lyne betwin Topsfield & our Towne as twas formerly stated viz that parte from the brooke at James Moultons Illand towards Mr. Saltonstalls medow: the towne have nowe by theire vote impowered Mr Jno Newman John Peirkings & Tho: Kemball to make an alteration of said parte of lyne they meetting with a Comitte which Topsfield shall appointe with full power who together shall make & compleat the aboves^{d}: alteration

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(*page 81) * Delivered to Constable Fairefield a Towne Rate Dated

Rates

December 19th: 1693 amounting to the full sum̃ of 51£: 19^{s}: 10 paye & 18£: 9^{s}: 7^{d} money for the payment of 50£ in paye & 10 pound in or as mony to Mr Gerrish for this Instant yers Salery as also 10^{s} for Richard Kemballs former Rates & 6^{s}: 10^{d} in Sam^{ll} Fiske Rate which was directed to him wherein Capt Dodg was over Charged which 16^{s}: 10^{d} Mr Gerrish is to Receive in paye—

It twentie Shillings ordered to Constable Fairefield mony for collecting said Rate—also ordered to Constable Fairefield five pound nine shillings & six penc mony for so much paid & ingeagd to be paid Jonathan Hobbs in the towns behalfe—

Also ordered to Goodman Woodward ten shillings mony the rest of the mony being one pound ten shillings to be paid to the Select men for the towns use—

Also to Leiv^{t}: Fiske & Mr Newman Eight shillings in paye for service don for the town

Also 15^{s}: pay to Josia Dodg for Damages that he sustained in his Constablship & service don for the towne—

Also delivered a wood Rate of 32 Coard Dated Dec. 25: 1693. Wood Rate

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* At a towne meetting (*page 78)

Janauary 9th: 1693

Thomas Fiske Seni^{r}: Chosen for moderat^{r}: Moderator

& the Towne meetting is Adjourned to the 23th daye of this Instant month at 12 of the Clock at the meetting house. Adjournment

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* At a Towne meetting (*page 82)

March 6th 1693/4 Ann. Town Meet^{g}

Ensign Walter Fairefield Chosen for moderat^{r}: Moderator

Levetant William Fiske Mr Newman Ensign Batchelder San^{ll} Kemball & William Fairefield Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing. |William Fiske desent from his chors| Selectmen

Joseph Fowler Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing— Constable

Joseph Batchelder & John Bare Chosen for Sirvey^{rs} of the high wayes for the yere Insueing— Surveyors

James Friend John Dodg Juni^{r}: Charles Gott Juni^{r}: & Thomas Killim Chosen for vewers of fences for the yere Insueing— Fence Viewers

Ensign Walter Fairefield Chosen for Comissioner for Assesments for the yere Insueing— Commission for Assessm^{t}

John Peirkins Nathanill Walderne & Samuell Fiske Senir: Chosen for Tithing men for the yere Insueing— Tithingmen

Granted to Moses Steevens the use of the lower percill of |Comon| land which Jonathan Hobbs layeth claime to for the full terme of two yers & the upper percill for the terme of his owne & his wives life & at the end of the aboves^{d}: Terme of time to returne to the townes use againe— Lease to Moses Stevens

Committee to inquire as to land claimed

There is Chosen as a Comitte Samuell Kemball Corporall James Friend & William Fairefield to inquire into & make report to the towne at the Adjournment or Adjournments of this meetting & give theire opinion to the towne in all the Cases of Deifferance that is betwine the said towne & perticular persons about lands that are Claimed *by said pertickular persons & Denied by the said Towne as namely the Swamp laid out to Deacon Fiske & also to Consider as afforesaid of the layeing out the Swamp in the neck & nere the pond cald Pleasant pond & allso the Swamp Claimed by John Leech & all other Incroachments knone in the towne; and also to Consider of John Bares Complainte against the towne

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* March 16th: 1693

Liberty to cut trees on the Common

At a meetting of the Select men Libertie Granted to Wm Fisk Junir to Cutt two hundred of Rayles & Posts for them—& to Levtt: Fiske to Cut the lik quantitie & to Benjamin Edwards two hundred of rayles & posts for them—

to James Freind the like quantitie and Ezeikle Woodward the like quantitie—

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* At a Towne meetting

March 20th: 1693/4

Field-drivers or Haywards

John Moultn & John Batcheldr Junir: Chosen for field Drivers or Haywards for the yere Insueing

Horses

Samuell Moultn & John Bare Chosn to se to the orderly goeing of Horses upon the Comon for the yere Insueing

Shepherd

Also voted that the Select men take Care & provide Shephearde for the sheep that goe upon the Comon

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* Att a meeting of the Select men of Wenham

March 28th 1694:

Beverly perambulation

Then a noate was drawn upon the Select men of Beverly to Choose men to perambulate the line & renew the

bounds between our Towne and said Beverly: & to meet at the hous of Benj[a]: Edwards in said Wenham on the 10th Day of Aprill next: Att about nine of the Clock in the fore noone. Which note was on the 29th Day of said March Delivered to Deacon Peter Woodberrey one of the Select men of said Beverly: for the end aforesaid:

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* At a towne meetting (*page 83)

Aprill 3rd: 1694

Mr. Gerrish's Salary

Voted that the one third part of Mr Gerrish[es] Salery shall be paid in mony & the other two thirds according to a former agreement which is the one halfe of it in porke & Inglish graine oats Excepted & the other halfe in Butter & Indian Corne viz two pound |of Butter| for every milsh cowe.

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* Aprill 3[d]: 1694 (*page 84)

Rates

Delivered to Constable Joseph Fowler a Countie Rate of Eight pound fifteen Shillings to be paid according to the Select mens order

Also a Towne Rate of 5£: 4[s]: 1[d] to be paid to the Select men for the Towns use to procure Amunittion; said rate to be paid in at or before the 21th of this Instant Aprill—

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* Wee whose names are underwritten being appointed by the Select men of Ipswich to meet with those Gentlemen of Wenham that should appear to perambulate; on the lyne between Ipswich and Wenham & to renew the bounds wee did accordingly meet together on the seventh of this Instant May and began att a Stump standing in M[r] Fairefields pasture which stump was sett about with four stones and is said to be the stump of the Center tree & we found two small trees standing near said stump the one a small white oak & the other a black or red oake which ware both marked with two stroakes with a marking Iyron which wee renewed & so went along & renewed the bounds on the lyne till we came to a pine Stump with a stake standing in the middle of it which stake is marked (*page 87)

Ipswich perambulation

with I. W and M. where we met with Manchester men—
Dated May: 7th: 1694

Robart Kinsman
John Burnam Junr
Isaac Ring
Joseph Whipple Tersha

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Salem perambulation

* Salem March 23: Anno: 1693/4

Mr Joseph Porter Mr Jona Putnam Mr Benja Gerrish & Jos. Walcott or any three of them as Appointed and Deseired to perambulate on the bounds betwixt Salem & Wenham and for that end are Appointed to meet with Wenham men att Mr. Joseph Porters the third Tuesday in Aprill next att ten of the Clock in the morning to performe that worke

Per order of the Select men of Salem

Robt Kitchen — —

Wee whose names are under written, being mett together this 17th Day of Aprill Anno 1694
According to the Appointment of our townes of Salem & Wenham to perambulate on the lyne between our townes wee have accordingley renewed the bounds which ware formerly owned by our townes which are as followeth begining att a white oake tree marked with S. and W. and sett about with stones which tree standeth neare the Northwardley end of Wenham Causway & from thence to a heap of stones at the Eastwardley end of Wenham Causway aforesaid & so to a black oake tree marked with S. & W. being Mr Andrews Corner bound and so to a white oake marked with S. & W. standing neare the head of the lyne between Wenham & Beverley—as witness our hands:

Joseph Porter	John Newman	for Wenham Select men
Jonathan Putnam	William Fairefield	
	Samll Kemball	

The above is truly compared with the origanell
Attest William Kogon Town Clerk

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* At a Towne meetting (*page 84)
Maye 11th: 1694

Representatives

Thos: Fiske Senir Chosen for Representitive for the towne at the Genll: Court next Insueing.

Jurymen

Benjamin Edwards & Robert Hibbirt are Chosen for to serve on the Gran Jury at the next Superir: Court at Ipswich & Ensign Walter Fairefield & Tho: Fiske Junir: to serve on the Jury of Tryalls

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* At a Towne meetting (*page 95)
July 30th: 1694

Assessors

Leivet: Wm Fiske Walter Fairefield & Thomas Fiske Senir: are Chosen Assessors for the yere Insueing—

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* A Towne Rate Comitted to Constable Joseph Fowler (*page 96)
to bee paid in money amounting to twelve pounds six Rate
shillings 6d } 12£: 6s: 6d:
Dated Octobr: 26 1694 }
for the making up of the Townes Stocke of Amunition & paying the Representative: and other nessisary Towne Charges

Gave the Constable order to pay out of the above said Rate to Carpenter Samuel Fiske one shilling 7d: for rates which he could not Gather when Constable—and to Robart Hebbart one shilling he being over rated in a former Rate & the Remainder being twelve pounds three shillings 11d said Constable was ordered to pay in to the Select men for the Townes use. and said Constable was ordered to Collect & Gather the same & make payment of it by the first day of December next Ensueing said Constable was allowed upon said Rate six shillings for Collecting.

A Towne Rate Dated Novemr: 21th 1694 Rate
made & comitted to Constable Joseph Fowler amounting
to fourtey two pounds nineteen shillings }
In pay and } 42£.19.0
twenty pounds four shillings & }
9d in money — — } 20£.4.9.

To pay to the Reverend Mr Joseph Gerrish for his Sallerery: in pay fourtey pounds— 40£.0.0.
and in money twentey pounds. 20£.0.0.
in the whole sixtey pounds according to the Townes Agrement — 60£.0.0.
and to pay to Robart Symonds for Ringing the bell & swepeing the meeting hous for this yeare 1694 In pay thirtey shillings 1£.10.0.
and to farmer Jno Porter for a bell Rope for the meeting hous In pay four shillings 0.4.0.
to Sam^ll^ Fiske Carpenter for Rates he could not gather when Constable In pay nine shillings 8^d^ — — 0.9.8.
to Wm Fairfield eight shillings in pay that was short cast in last years Town rate Comitted to him 0.8.0
and eight shillings more in pay for to make a Cossett in the meeting hous for the Amunition 0.8.0
and to Goodman Woodward In money four shillings & 9^d^ for the Select mens Expences about the Townes buisness: also deliverd to him a wood Rate of thirtey Cords —

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* At a towne meetting
Janauary 29th: 1694

Moderator

Ensign Walter Fairefield Chosen for moderat^r^: —

Timber cut by persons not inhabitants

Voted that it shall be lawfull for any Inhabitant of our towne to Carry awaye any wood or timber that shall be cut downe upon our Common by any person or persons that live out of Towne —

Wm Knowlton Rent

Voted that whereas Wm Knowlton is Defective in non payment of the yerely rent for the towne land which is in his improvement of that the towne shall reenter upon said land —

Swamp lots at the east end of the town

Voted that whereas there have bin severall lots of swampe laid out at the East end of our town & the persons to whom the lotts were laid have bestowed Cost in clereing the towne will reimburse them for theire Cost in Cass they will relinquish theire right & quit claime

Voted that the abovesd: lotts were laid out Conterary to towne order

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* At a towne meetting (*page 85)
Feberary 5th: 1694/5

Charles Gott Senir: Walter Fairefield & Thomas Fiske Senir: together with the Select men are appointed a Comitte with full power they or the majr: part of them to prosecute in a Course of lawe against any person or persons whatsoever that have or shall hereafter trespas upon our towne Comon by felling cutting or carrying awaye any wood or timber & the towne doe warrant & promise to stand by & Defend them in wt they shall leagally doe on theire behalfe as abovesaid— Trespass on the Common

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* At a Generall Towne meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham March 5th 1694/5 (*page 97) An. Town Meetg

Ensigne Walter Fairfield Chosen Moderator for the meeting Moderator

Captt Thomas Fiske Lt. Wm Fiske Ensigne Walter Fairfield Wm Fairfield and John Newman Chosen Select men for the yeare Insuing— Selectmen

John Newman Chosen Towne Clerke for the yeare Ensuing. Town Clerk

Voted that ther shall be two Constables chosen for this yeare Constables

Ephraim Kemball and Josiah Dodge Chosen Constables for the yeare Ensuing—

Ensigne Walter Fairfield Chosen Clearke of the markett for sealing of weights & measures for this year Ensuing Clerk of the Market & Sealer of weights

Benjamin Edwards Chosen for sealer of Leather— Sealer of Leather

Sergt Richard Hutton James Moulton & John Abbey Chosen Tythingmen for the yeare Ensuing— Tithingmen

John Edwards Senr John Porter & Joseph Herrick chosen for Surveyrs of High ways for the year Ensuing— Surveyors

Sergt James Freind & Wm Fairfield Chosen for Surveyrs of fences att the west end of the Towne: Fenceviewers

Thomas Fiske Junr & Robart Hebbart Senr Chosen Surveyrs of fences for the rest of the Towne: for the year Ensuing.

Joseph Fiske & Jonathan Moulton Chosen for Haywards for the yeare Ensuing— Haywards

Horses

John Dodge Junr & John Gott Chosen to se to the orderley going of Horses upon the Comon for the yeare Ensuing

Treasurer

Lt Charles Gott Chosen for Towne Treashure^{r} for the year Ensuing

Rate for the Suit against Beverly

Voted that the Select men shall forthwith make a Rate of six pounds upon the Inhabitants to be paid in money & comitt the same to the Constables to Collect & pay in to the Towne Treasure^{r} for the Townes use for the prosecuting of our case against Beverly.

Ipswich Bounds

Voated that Lt Gott Serg^{t} Freind Samuel Kemball & the Select men or the Majo^{r} part of them are Appointed a Comittey fully Impowered to Joyne with those of Ipswich that shall appear to settle the bound line between our Towne and Ipswich westward of the Center Tree—

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Trespass on the Common

* Voated that the Select men and Lt Gott or the Majo^{r} part of them are Appointed & fully Impowered as Attorneys for the Towne to prosecute & defend in the Townes behalf att law or otherwise any person or persons that either have or shall hearafter trespas upon the Comon land in our Towne by Cutting or Carrying away of any of our wood or timber Contrarey to law & what they or the Majo^{r} part of them shall lawfully doe or caus to be done the Towne will stand by Ratteyfie & Conferme the same.

Wm Knowlton

Voated that it is left to the Select men to agree with Wm Knowlton about the Townes land which he Improves for the time to come & also to settle & agree with him about the Rent which he owes to the Towne for said land for the time past.

Grave-diggers

The Towne have Agreed with John Severett that he shall digg the Graves for this yeare Ensuing as need shall require and the said Severett doth Agree to performe said service for Reasonable sattisfaction, as wittness his hand

The marke of

John | Severett

The above is a true Copie of the Agreement with Good-

man Severett to which said Severett sett his hand
as Attest:

John Newman
Towne Clerke

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* A Towne Rate made April 10th 1695. (*page 99)

Rate

For the Defending the Townes Interest & paying the Capt for going Representative to ye Generall Court ther last Sestions — which Rate was made in two Lists & Comitted to the two Constables Viz—

Constable Ephraim Kemballs List amounted to four pounds fourteen shillings	4£.14.0
out of which he was ordered to pay to Lt Charles Gott Town Treasurr for the Townes use four pounds ten shillings 9d	4£.10.9
& the remaindr being three shillings 3d was allowed him for Collecting	0.3.3.

which list was to be paid in money:

Constable Josiah Dodges List amounted to three pounds fiveteen shillings & 4d	3£.15.4
out of which List he was ordered to pay to Lt: Charles Gott Towne Treashurr three pounds twelve shillings 7d	3£.12.7
the remainder being two shillings & 9d was allowed him for Collecting —	0.2.9

which list was to be paid in money — — —

both which Lists ware to be Collected forthwith In money & paid in to the Towne Treasurr so as to Cleare ther accounts with him att or before the Twenteyeth Day of May next Ensuing—

Att a meeting of the Select men
Aprill 22th: 1695:

Account

An account of the above said Rates was Comitted to Lt Gott Towne Treashurr and he was ordered to make pay ment upon the Townes acct to the severall persons hearafter mentioned the Towne being Indebted to them the severall sums hearafter expressed for money that they

had laid out & service done for the Towne: upon ballance of ther perticuler accounts to the day aboves^{d} Viz. To Cap^{tt} Thomas Fiske for going Representative to Gen^{ll} Court at the Sestions began the 27th Feb^{ry} last past and for service as an assesso^{r} & a day going to Ipswich Court Two pounds nine shillings money } £2.9.0
Lt Wm Fiske six shillings 6^{d} "0.6.6
Ensigne Fairfield Two pound seven shillings "2.7.0
John Newman for sum̃onses & Copies out of the Towne booke seven shillings 9^{d} — } "0.7.9

Caried to the other side 5.10.3

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* Brought from below on the other side five pounds ten shillings 3^{d} } £5.10.3
Wm Fairfield for money lent & time expended four pounds } 4.00.0
James Freind Sam^{ll} Kemball: Thos Fiske Junr Ephr^{a} Kemball: Wm Fiske Junr Sam^{ll} Fiske Senr Taylo^{r} & Jno Herrick: to each four shillings a peice for service as Witnesses — } 1.08.0
Serg^{t} Hutton John Porter Sam^{ll} Kellum Charles Gott Junr Joseph Herrick & Theop: Rix: to each two shillings apeice for going to Court a day for witnesses— } 0.12.0
Ensigne Batcheler for money lent ten shillings 0.10.0
Lt Gott for money & going to Court a day: four shillings — } 0.04.0

12. 4.3

Att the same Day being Aprill 22th 1695.

Constables Account

Then Reconed and accounted with Constable Joseph Fowler for the Towne Rate that was Com̃itted to him Dated October 26th 1694 to be paid in money and said Constable had made payment out of the same by severall pay ments to severall persons to whome the Towne was Indebted for money lent for the procuring Am̃unition to make up the Townes Stocke & paying the Representa-

tive for service at Gen^{ll} Court: and severall that had done service for the Towne which pay ments ware allowed by the Select men & amounted to Ten pounds two shillings 2^{d} so that the ballance Remaining due to the Towne upon said Rate was Two pounds four shillings & 4^{d}: money—Which ballance [and] account of it was Comitted to Lt Charles Gott Towne Treashur^{r} to looke after as a Towne debt.—

Voated att the adjournment of a Generall Towne meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham March 10th 1696/7 that the said Joseph Fowler paying eighteen shillings money to the towne Treashurer forthwith, for the Townes use he shall be acquitted & discharged of the Two pounds foure shillings 4^{d} money due to the towne one ballance of account made up as mentioned.

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* Aprill ye 30th 1695 (*page 101)

Rate

A Country Rate Dated Ap^{ll} 5th 1695 which Rate was made in Two lists and Comitted to the Two Constables to Collect: with a warrant to each Constable from the Treashure^{r} for Collecting the same: which Rate amounted to Thirtey nine pounds seven shillings & 3^{d} in ye whole—Constable Ephraim Kemballs list amounted to Twentey five pounds ten shillings & 1^{d} out of which he was ordered to pay to Mr James Taylo^{r} Countrey Treashure^{r} according to his warrant Twentey foure pounds eight shillings and to allow Ensigne Fairfield nineteen shillings 2^{d} which he had disburst for the Townes use & the Remainder of his list being two shillings & 11^{d} was allowed him for Collecting—Constable Josiah Dodges list amounted to Thirteen pounds seventeen shillings & 2^{d} out of which he was ordered to pay Mr James Taylo^{r} Countrey: Treashure^{r} Thirteen pounds fourteen shillings. The Remainder being Three shillings 2^{d} was allowed him for Collecting—

Representative

Att a Towne meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham: May: 3^{d}: 1695—assembled for Chosing of a Representative for the next Generall Court according to the Sherriffs presept: & four Juro^{rs} for the next Superiour Court to be

held at Ipswich— The Towne did then by ther Voate declare that they Judge themselves to be under such sircomestances that they are not obliged by Law to send a Representative not haveing so many frehold[rs] qualified as the law directs—and the Towne then made Choyce of John Edwards & Benj[a] Edwards to serve on the Grand Jurey at the next Superiour Court to be held at Ipswich & also they made Choyce of John Newman & William Fairfield to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls: at said Court.

Att a meeting of the Select men
May the 28th 1695.

Sexton

Then agreed with Ensigne Jn[o] Batcheler to Ring the bell & sweep the meeting hous for this year Ensuing: and he to have for said service of the Towne Thirtey shillings in pay to be added in the Town Rate that is made for M[r] Gerrishes Sallerey for this yeare

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* Att a meeting of the Select men
June 7th 1695

Account

Then ther was paid & delivered to L[t] Charles Gott Towne Treashur[r]: for the Townes use by the Select men In money: eight pounds two shillings and on the 10th Day of June ther was paid & delivered to said L[t] Gott Towne Treashure[r] for the Townes use by said Select men in money: one pound seventeen shillings.

Att a Towne meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham: the 18th June 1695—

Jurymen

The Towne then made Choyce of Serg[t] Thomas Patch to serve on the Grand Jurey at the next Generall Sestions of the Peace to be holden at Salem and Cap[tt] Fiske & John Bare to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att the next Inferio[r] Court of Comon Pleas to be holden att Salem on the last Tuesday of this Instant.

Abatement for Goodman Haggett

Voated that Considering the afflicting hand of God upon Goodman Haggetts familey the Towne see Caus to order that the Select men doe allow & pay to Constable Josiah Dodge |in mony| out of the Towne Treashurey: Good-

man Haggetts Countrey Rate now due which is six shillings & 4^{d} mony: and also his last Towne Rate being one shilling and 4^{d} mony — — that so the Constable may suspend the Collecting sd. Haggetts rate till further order:

Att a meeting of the Select men June the 26th 1695: Account

Then said Select men received from Lt Gott Towne Treashure^{r} by John Edwards in mony: Thirtey shillings which was Improved for the Townes use In paying Wittnesses & defending the Townes Interest against Beverley at Salem Court—

Att a meeting of the Select men on the 16th Day of July 1695— Account

Then Lt Charles Gott Towne Treashurer was ordered to pay out of the Townes money in his hands to Wm Fairefield for Gitting Lt Dodg sworne before Mr Hawthorne to the Agreement & Setlem^{t} of ye line between Wenham & Beverley & measure of Wenham Comon seven shillings and to Thos Fiske Junr for the Select mens Expences when they mett with Beverley to perambulate one shilling & 3^{d}

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* Att a Towne meeting of the freholders & other Inhabitants of the Towne of Wenham: July 24th 1695— (*page 103)

The Towne then made Choyce of Cap^{tt} Thos Fiske for a Representative to goe to the Generall Court att ther next Sessions to se to gett the abatement of the Cannada: heads perfected — — — Assessments

Att a meeting of the Select men the 14th Day of August 1695 for the assessing & proportioning of the sum of Twenty four pounds on the poles & Estates leying within the Towne of Wenham according to warrant from ye Treashur^{r} Dated July 10th 1695:— Rates

Accordingly a List was made and sent to the Treashure^{r} amounting to £25. 2. 2

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of which Constable Ephraim Kemballs part amounted to	£13.13. 3
out of which he is to pay to the Treashure[r] Thirteen pounds five shillings	£13. 5. 0
The Remaind[r] being 8[s] 3[d] is allowed said Constable for Collecting —	00. 8. 3
Constable Josiah Dodges part amounted to Eleven pound 8[s] 11[d]	11. 8.11
out of which he is to pay to the Ten pound fivetene shillings	10.15.00
To Goodman Woodward for the Selectmens Expences —	00.03.00
The Remainder being ten shillings & 11[d] is alowed said Constable for Collecting —	00.10.11
	11. 8.11

Rates

Att a meeting of the Select men the 14th of October: 1695—Then a List was made upon the poles & Estates in & belonging to the Towne of Wenham: in two Lists amounting to £32. 3. 6

Constable Ephraim Kemballs List amounted to — —	£17.19.10
out of which he was ordered to pay to the Treashure[r] according to his warrant: Twelve pounds seven shillings & 5[d]——	12. 7. 5
& to Josiah Dodge for money he had paid for townes use by order from the Treashure[r] four pounds sixteen shillings & 2[d]	4.16. 2
and to Goodman Woodward for the Select mens Expences in making the Lists	00.05. 6
The Remainder being Tenn shillings & 9[d] was allowed him for Collecting—	00.10. 9
	£17.19.10

* Constable Josiah Dodges List or part of the	£32: 3.6	(*page 104)
Entered below on the other side amounted to	£14. 3.8	
out of which he was ordered to pay to the Treashure[r] according to his warrant nine pounds twelve shillings & 4[d] —	£9.12.4	
and four pounds was allowed him out of said List in part of money which he paid for for the Towne by order from the Treashure[r]	4.00.0	
The Remainder being Eleven shillings & 4[d] was allowed him for Collecting said List	00.11.4	
	£14. 3.8	

Att a meeting of the Select men
the 15th of October 1695—

Farmer John Porter's bounds

Then a note was sent to farm[r] John Porter to give him notice to meet att the hous of Serg[t] Freind on the 22th of this Instant att three of the Clock in the after noone to perambulate the line & renew the bounds between his said Porters land att the Westerley End of the Towne & the Town Comon, and L[t] Fiske & Serg[t] Freind are Appointed by the Select men for that service with such others as shall appeare & meet with them

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Att a Towne meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Octob[r] 15th 1695—

B. Edward's proposal as to Beverly Case

Benjamin Edwards his proposalls to the Towne of Wenham

Whereas the Towne of Beverley did Arrest him to the last Enferio[r] Court of Comon Pleas held att Salem for fencing in some land & then did recover Judgment against him, and thereupon s[d] Edwards did Appeale to the next Superio[r] Court —said Edwards now propoundeth to the Towne of Wenham that if they will Ingage to Defend him from damage upon the full Tryall of the Case they shall have the benefitt of the Judgment in case he can obtain itt.

Benjamin Edwards—†

† The signature is not original on the Record.

Voated that the Towne will Espouse the Case & Ingage to defend the said Edwards from damage upon the full Tryall of said Case upon the proposalls above mentioned

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Receipt

* Boston October 22th 1695

Recd of Mr Joseph Fowler Consta of Wenham fourtey one pounds nine shillings in full of a Warrant for seventey two pounds two shillings & four pence I say Recd for Mr James Taylor Treasurr
£41.9.0

Per Jer. Allen—

The above—true Copie of the originall receipt as delivered to me to Enter

Attest John Newman Town Cler—

(*page 104)

B. Edwards' account

* Att a meeting of the Select men Decemr ye 13th 1695. Received of Benja Edwards in money on ye Townes behalf one pound five shillings 2d being ye remainder yt was not laid out for the Towne in managing ye Case against Beverly wch 25s 2d was putt into Ensigne Fairfields hands—

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Jurymen

* Att a meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of the Towne of Wenham assembled Novemr 5th 1695 for the Choice of Jurors to serve at the next Superior Court to be held att Salem Novembr: 12th 1695 The Towne made Choice of Ensigne Jno Batcheler & Samll Fiske Senr to serve on the Grand Jurey: and John Porter & Thos Fiske Junr John Bare & John Coy to serve on ye Jurey of Tryalls.

Rate

Att a meeting of the Select men
December the 13th 1695

A Towne rate was made for paying Mr Gerrishes Sallerey for the year 1695 & other Towne Charges amounting to the sum of fourtey two pounds eight shillings 3d in pay and Twentey pounds sixteen shillings & 8d in money — £42. 8.3
"20.16.8

which rate was made in two Lists and comitted to ye two Constables Viz Cons^{t} Kemball & Cons^{t} Josiah Dodge with a warrant upon each List

Constable Ephraim Kimballs List amounted to in pay Twenty thre pounds six shillings & 3^{d} & eleven pounds eleven shillings in money—

out of which he was ordered to pay to the Reverend Mr Joseph Gerrish in pay Twentey one pounds four shillings ——	£21—4.0
and in or as money Eleven pounds eleven shillings—	£11.11.0
To Ensigne John Batcheler for keeping ye meeting hous & ringing ye bell for this Instane year: in pay one pound ten shillings—	£01—10.0
The remainder being Twelve shillings and 3^{d} was allowed him for Collecting	00.12.3

Rates

Constable Josiah Dodges List amounted to in pay nineteen pounds two shillings & nine pounds five shillings & 8^{d} in money out of which List he was ordered to pay

To the Reverent Mr Joseph Gerrish in pay Eighteen pounds sixteen shillings —	£18.16.0
& in or as money eight pound nine shillings	"08. 9.0
To Thomas Fiske Junr for the Select mens Expences on ye Townes acco^{t} ——	00. 6.0
and six shillings money was allowed him in part of money the towne owed him—	00. 6.0
The remainder being four shillings 8^{d} money & six shillings in pay is allowed you for Collecting	00.10.8

said Constables ware ordered forthwith to Collect said Rate & se that the same was paid in to the severall persons to whome it was ordered so that they might Cleare & Isue ther accounts with the Select men att or before the first day of March next Ensuing— Also a wood Rate of Thirtey one Cords & half in two lists with a warrant on each list—

(*page 106) * Constable Kemballs List being Eighteen Cords & five foott— Constable Dodges List Twelve Cords & seven foot —both Lists to be p^d^ into Mr Gerrish by ye 1st of Ap^ll^ next—

Rates

Att a meeting of the Select men the 16th Day of Decemb^r^ Anno Dom̃: 1695.

A Rate was made on the poles & Estates in Wenham in two Lists amounting to the sum̃ of Twentey seven pounds eighteen shillings & 11^d^ to be paid in mony for sattisfiing & making up old arrears: by ord^r^ from ye Treashure^r^ — £27.18.11

which Rates or lists ware Com̃itted to the two Constables viz. Cons^t^ Ephr^a^ Kemball & Cons^t^ Josiah Dodge with a warrant on each List — — — — —

Constable Ephr^a^ Kemballs List was: — £15.7.0

he was ordered to pay to Constable Josiah Dodge towards sattisfiing the Treashure^rs^ orders drawn upon said Dodge fiveteen pounds one shilling — £15.1.0

the remainder being 6^s^ was allowed him for Collecting said List —— — 00.6.0

Constable Josiah Dodges List —— — £12.11.9

wher of he was ordered to pay to the Countrey Treashure^r^ or ord^r^ Eleven pounds thre shillings & 9^d^ ——— — 11.3.9

To Thomas Fiske Junr for the Select mens Entertainment four shillings ——— — 00.4.0

The Remainde^r^ of said List being one pound four shillings was allowed said Constable to make up with what he had formerley received in full the dammage he sustained on ye townes acc^t^ by Treashure^r^ Phillippses sending an Execution to him formerly & for Collecting this present List —— — 1.4.0

Att the same meeting of ye Select men an order was drawn upon Lt Gott Towne Treashure^{r} to pay to Josiah Dodge for giving Evidence on ye Townes behalf mony ——— £0.3.0
& to Serg^{t} Thos Patch in part of what the Towne ows him mony ——— "0.3.0 Account

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Att a meeting of the freholders and Inhabitants of Wenham Decem^{r} 22th 1695 for Choyce of Juro^{rs} for the next Enferio^{r} Court of Comon Pleas to be held at: Salem on the last Tuseday of this Instant Decemb^{r}—The Towne made Choyce of Serg^{t} Richard Hutton James Freind & John Edwards Senr to serve as Juro^{rs} at said Court— Jurors

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Att a meeting of ye Select men Decemb^{r} the 26th 1695. Then a warrant was drawn to the Constables to warne a Towne meeting to be attended on the 6th Day of Jan^{ry} next att two a Clock in ye afternoon to take Care for preventing of Damag by persons Cutting or Carrying away wood from ye towne Comons to sell out of towne Wood on the Common

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* Att a Towne meeting of the frehold^{rs} & Inhabitants of Wenham: Jan^{ry} 6th 1695/6— (*page 107)
assembled for makeing of sutable ord^{rs} for the preservation of our wood and timber on the Comons from being |wasted or| Carried out of towne either in Timber or Cord wood — Wood & timber on the Common

Ensigne Walter Fairfield Chosen Moderat^{r} for said meeting Moderator

Voated that if any of the Inhabitants of our towne shall Cutt or Carry away any wood or timber of from the Comon land of our said towne they shall forfitt to the use of the Treashury of our said towne ten shillings for everey tree that shall be falled cutt or carried out of our said towne to be recovered by the Towne Treashure^{r} by due prosses of law: & this to Continue untill further order is made; and it is further ordered that if any of the Inhabitants aforesaid shall carrey or sell any cord-wood cutt on the Comon aforesaid out of the said Towne Order as to timber on the Common

directly or indirectley he or they shall forfitt fourtey shillings for everey cord of wood sould or carried out of towne to be recovered as afores[d]

William Fairfield & John Gott Chosen for the west end of the towne to looke after the Comon to see that the abovesaid orders by not transgressed: — —

Rate

John Bare & Josiah Dodg Chosen to looke after the Comon att the Eastwardley end of the towne—

Att a meeting of the Select men February 29th 1695/6

A Countey rate was made amounting to the sum of thre pounds one shilling 2[d] which Rate was to be paid in money to the Treashure[r] of ye Countey for the time being the sum of fivetey five shillings |att or before the first day of April next| which Rate was made in two Lists & Comitted to the two Constables with a warrant on each List |Dated March the 9th 1695/6| by vertue of an ord[r] from ye Clarke of the Quarter Sestions of the Peace—

Cons[t] |Joseph Herricks| List amounted to the sum of one pound thirteen shillings & 7[d] out of which he was ordered to pay to the Treashure[r] of the Countey the sum of one pound nine shillings 3[d] — 1.9.3

to Ensigne Fairefield for the Select mens Expences: 2[s] 6[d] — 0.2.6

the rest being one shilling 10[d] was allowed him for Collecting — 0.1.10

Cons[tb] |John Denises| List amounted to one pound seven shillings 7[d]—

out of which he was ordered to pay to the County Treashure[r] one pound five shillings & 9[d] the remainder being one shilling 10[d] was allowed for Collecting ——

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An. Town Meet[g]

* Att a generall Towne meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of the Towne of Wenham

March the 3[d] 1695/6

Moderator

Cap[tt] Thomas Fiske Chosen moderator for the meeting

Selectmen

Cap[tt] Tho[s]: Fiske Ensigne Walter Fairefield John Batcheler |Sen[r]| James Freind and John Newman Chosen for Select men for the yeare Ensuing — —

Constables

Joseph Herrick Chosen Constable for the west-ward part of the towne from the Countrey roade |& sworn

March 7th before Thomas Wade Just. Peace| John Denniss Chosen Constable for the Eastward part of ye towne from the Countrey roade |& sworn March 14th before Thomas Wade Just. of Peace|

John Newman Chosen Towne Clarke for the yeare Ensuing —— —— Town Clerk

William Fairefield Chosen Surveyor of high ways for ye west end of the Towne Sergt Thomas Patch & John Edwards Senr Chosen Surveyrs for the Eastward end of the Towne for the yeare Ensuing —— Surveyors

Sergt Thomas Patch Chosen Comissionr for assesments for ye yeare Ensuing — Commissr for Assessmt

John Gott & Caleb Kemball Chosen Surveyrs of fences for the westwardley part of the towne for ye yeare Ensuing —— Fence viewers

Samuel Kellum & Zacheus Goldsmith Chosen Surveyrs of fences for the Eastward end of the towne.

Benja Edwards Chosen to Continue in ye office of Sealer of Leather for the year Ensuing — Sealer of Leather

Joseph Fiske & John Batcheler Junr Chosen Haywards for the west end of the towne — Haywards

Charles Gott Junr & Robert Symonds Chosen Haywards for the other part of the towne —

Thomas Patch propounding to the Towne to make an Exchange of about half an Accr of land with the Towne The Towne makes Choyce of John Edwards Senr: John Bare & Samuel Kellum a Comittey to goe upon the place & to vew the sd. land & make report of it to the towne att there next meeting — Exchange of land— Thos. Patch

* Att the Generall Towne meeting the 3d of March 1695/6 —— (*page 109)

Joseph Herrick John Coy Joseph Fiske John Browne & Peter Tompson are accepted as towne Inhabitants & to have towne priveledges. Jos. Herrick &c. admitted

The Towne meeting is adjourned to the next Fryday being the sixth day of this Instant March at twelve of ye Clock to meet at the meeting hous. Adjournment

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Att the adjournment of the Generall Towne meeting on the 6th day of March 1695/6 ——

Timber on the Common

Voated that it shall not be lawfull for any person or persons in our towne that shall Carrey any Timber either pine oake or hemlock to any sawmill in our towne or out of the towne from of of the towne Comon to pay the sawyer for sawing in said timber or the produce of it on the penaltie of five shillings by the hundred for all such timber which he shall so dispose of to the use of the towne to be levied by the Constable by warrant from the Select men —

Exchange with Thos. Patch

The Towne makes Choyce of Captt Thomas Fiske Lt Wm Fiske & Ensigne Fairefield to be a Comittey to goe upon the place & to vew the land wich Sergent Thomas Patch propounds to Exchange with the Towne for land near Wm Knoultons hous and in case the said Comittey shall find it Just & needful they are fully Impowred, to make & Compleat the said Exchange

Exchange with John Dodge Jr. for a highway

Voated that the Select men or the Major part of them are appointed a Comittey to goe upon the place & vew the land which the Select men did formerley Exchang with John Dodge Junr for a high way & to settle the bounds of the two accrs of swamp which he said Dodge was to have in Exchange & also the thre accrs of land in flaggey meadow plain if there be so much there & leave a Conveniant highway & to make a full settlement of the same — —

Treasurer

Captt Thomas Fiske Chosen Towne Treashurer for the yeare Ensuing —

Tithing-men

Voated that the Tythingmen that ware Chosen last year are Chosen for Tything men for the year Ensuing —

Bounds

Voated that the Select men or the Major part of them are appointed & fully Impowred to settle the lyne betwene Joseph Herricks land & the Comon—and also to settle the bounds between the successors of Trustler as to his farme of a hundred accrs & the townes Comon land —

Jos. Herrick

Trustler farm

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* Voated that whereas the Towne hath made an order to prohibitt our Inhabitants from falling any Timber either pine oake or hemlock upon our Towne Comon for ther owne nessisary use in the Towne without leave first

Timber on the Common

obtained of the Select men att ther meeting & Entered in the towne Booke setting forth for what use the Timber trees are —

It is also further ordered & Voated that the Select men are to give leave without parshallitey to every Comono[r] in our towne to Cutt for ther owne perticuler use in the Towne such & so much timber on the Comon as shall be rationally needful, with what Equitey & Justice may bee and the Select men are to give notice of ther meeting to attend that service four times in the yeare att the most sutable seasons ——-

And further it is ordered that in case any person after he hath obtained leave to gitt any timber on said Comon shall dispose of it to other person or persons so that it be directly or indirectly caried or disposed of out of the towne he shall pay the fine & forfiture for so doing as if he had cutt or carried it out of towne without leave —

Voated that in prosecuting of all the orders Relating to the preserving the towns wood & timber from being disorderley used in the towne or carried out of the towne whosoever shall Enforme & produce Evidence against any that either have or heare- after shall disorderley take any wood or timber on the townes Comon shall for there care & pains have the one half of the fine or forfiture due to the said towne by the breach of the said order only it is intended that those who have alreadey or in time past fallen timber upon the townes Comon for ther owne perticuler use in the towne although without leave from the Select men shall not be prosecuted for the same ——

Serg[t] Patch John Bare John Coy and Samuel Kellum Chosen for the Eastwardley part of the towne & Will[m] Fairefield Samuel Kemball John Pirkins Ephraim Kemball Joseph Herrick & Joseph Fiske for the westwardley and Northwardley part of the towne to Inspect the Comon to see that the above said ord[rs] be duly attended and not transgressed.

* Voated that in persuance of an order of our towne to prevent our timber pine or other timber cutt without leave on the townes Comon from being (*page 111)

Carried out of towne & is yet remaining in the towne in Loggs it is ordered that it shall be seazed by the Constable by warrant from the Select men as the townes timber and to be for the use of the towne in generall unless the Claymer of said timber can rationally make it Appear to the Select men that they did cutt said timber for there owne perticuler use in our towne and not to dispose of out of the towne, and in case he so rationally make it appear to be for his own use as afores[d] the said Select men shall Enter said timber as if he had obtained leave to fall the same—

Att a meeting of the Select men
March: the 6th 1695/6

Liberty to cut trees on the Common

Libertey granted to L[t] Fiske to gitt six pine trees for board & shingle & two hemlock trees for Planke —

To Samuel Fiske Taylo[r] libertey to gitt six trees for board & pine timber anuf to make three thousand of shingle —

To Thomas Kellum libertey to gitt pine timber anuff to make seven hundred of boards —

Att a meeting of the Select men
Aprill the 13th 1696 —

Manchester perambulation

Then it was agreed that the lyne should be perambulated & the bounds renewed between our towne & Manchester on the 22th of May next Ensuing if fair weather if not the next faire day & to meet at the hous of John Coy in Wenham: about ten a Clock in ye fore noone: & a note was sent to give them notice of it.

Topsfield perambulation

Then agreed to perambulate the lyne and renew the bounds between our Towne & Topsfield on the 25th day of May next Ensuing & to meet att the Northwardley end of Wenham Causway about nine a Clock in the fore noon on said day if fair weather if not ye next fair day — — —
and L[t] Fiske John Pirkins & Thomas Kemball W[m] Fairfield or so many of them as shall Appear at the time aforesaid are appointed for s[d] service.

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* Att a meeting of the Select men (*page 112)
March: 23th 1695/6

Rate

Then a List was made on the poles and Estates in & belonging to Wenham amounting to the Sum̃ of four pounds, fourteen shillings money:— £4.14.0

Constable Joseph Herricks part two pounds Eleven shillings & 1d ——	£2.11.1
Constable John Dennises part two pounds two shillings & 1d ——	"2. 2.1
	£4.13.2

which sums each of said Constables ware to pay in to the Treashurer: and which sum̃s with Tenn pounds allowed to our towne by the General Court as an abatement is in full of our townes proportion to the one third part of our two former lists Taken August ye 30th 1695 & sent in to the Treashurer: and which said one third part we ware to asses upon the poles and Estates in & belonging to Wenham according to the Treashurers Warrant Dated March: 12th 1695/6—

Topsfield ye 28th of Aprill 1696 —

Topsfield perambulation

In answer to an Appointment by the Gentlemen of Wenham to Topsfield to renew the bounds between Wenham & Topsfield wee have Appointed Leiut Thomas Baker and Captt John How and Thomas Towne to meet the Gentlemen of Wenham on the 25th of May next Ensuing if fair if not the next fair day & to meet at the northwestwardley end of Wenham Causway at nine of the Clock in the forenoone according to Appointment

Ephraim Dorman by order & in the name of the Select men of Topsfield—

We whose names are under written being Appointed by our severall townes Topfield & Wenham to renew the bounds betwene us have accordingly attended the service this 25th day of May 1696 as followeth we renewed the bound near Joseph Porters meadow by laying stones to the heap of stones before made from thence to a plump of maples near Charles Gotts meadow by the brook

marked & stones laid to it which we also renewed from thence as the brooke runs to Bakers swamp and so as Pigdens bounds are to Beverly Ditch by the Island & as the ditch runs to the River:

Thomas Baker
William Fiske
Thomas Towne
Thomas Kemball

(*page 113)

* Att a Towne meeting of the freholders and Inhabitants of Wenham May the 26th 1696—

Wildman's Neck &c.

Voated that the Towne will purchas that percell of upland & swampey meadow Called Wild mans Neck & Rootses meadow to be layd & added to the rest of the Townes Comon being now in Jos: Fowlers hands—

Cartway from the Meets house to the Neck

Voated that ther shall be a Conveniant Cartway laid out from the meeting hous to the Neck by Goodman Abbeys house through the land of Joseph Fowler and Zacheas Goldsmith: which they purchased of the Executors of Mr Thomas Smith late of Boston deceased, and the said way to be laid wher it has for maney yeares gon: except that the said way can be layd wher it may be more conveniant for our inhabitants: & less damage to the proprietors it is not to be understood to be an open way: but only a Conveniant Cart way for our inhabitants to pas two & froe through gates — — —

Wildman's Neck

Voated that ther shall be a Comittey Chosen to act in the townes behalf in perfecting the purchase with Joseph Fowler of the land cald Wild mans neck & Rootses meadow for the towne which said Fowler bought of Goodman Woodward and also to take an account of the Towne Treasurer & Select men and such as have had any of the Townes mony comitted to them and what money is found of the townes in any mans hands to be Improved towards the purchasing of sd land of Joseph Fowler so far as it will goe & what that falls short of the purchase the Select men are impowered to make a Rate upon the Inhabitants for the Remainder to be Comitted to the Constables to be Collected & paid in money with all conveniant speed & Improved for the accomplishing said purchase and if

ther be any small strips of Comon land that ley within any perticuler persons land that the Publique is not benefitted by the said Comittey have power to take a Survey of the same & make report of it to the towne — —

Ensign Fairfield Serg^{t} Thomas Patch & Samuel Kemball are Chosen for the Comittey & Impowered to act in the Townes behalfe in the perticulers before mentioned.

Att a meeting of the Select men
May 27 1696 —

John Newman Serg^{t} Patch Rich Dodg Senr John Edwards Senr Sam^{ll} Kellum John Coy & Natha^{ll} Walderne or any two of them or so many of them as shall appeare are deseird & appointed to goe on Perambulation on ye lyne [&] renew the bounds betwene our towne & Manchester [on] ye 28th of this Instant May — Manchester perambulation

* Att a meeting of the Select men of Manchester (*page 114)
May: 28th 1696 —

Cap^{tt} John Sibley Mr Thomas West & Abraham Marsters are appointed to meet with Wenham men this day at ye hous of John Coy in Wenham to goe on Perambulation on the lyne & to renew the bounds betwene Wenham & Manchest^{r} according as they have bin formerley stated & setled —

Robart Leach
The Marke of } Select men
Isaac ♯ Whithare

Wee whose names are hear unto subscribed being appointed by the Select men of our townes of Wenham & Manchester to perambulate the lyne and renew the bounds betwene our said townes we have accordingley being mett together this

28th Day of May 1696

renewed the great white oake tre marked with a W. & M. & sett about with stones & also a small black oake tre standing upon a small Knoule & a clump of four maples standing in the swamp where of two ware marked & we renewed them & we should have renewed the hemlock tree standing on the brow of a hill & the pine stump

near Ipswich lyne but by reason of the wett ness of of the swamps we could not come att them but we do owne them as bounds betwene our townes & in witness wher of we have hereunto sett our hands the day abovesaid—

John Newman John Coy Nath[ll] Woldren Sam[ll] Kellum for Wenham	John Siblee Thomas West Abraham Masters for Manchester

Att a meeting of the Select men June the 2d 1696— Sexton

Then agreed with Ensigne Jno Batcheler to take care of the meeting hous for the yeare Ensuing & his folkes to Ring the bell & swepe said hous as oft as ocation shall require for the yeare Ensuing |from the 28th day of May last past| and he to have for his Care and said Service: Twentey four shillings in or as money: or Thirtey shillings in pay: to be putt into the Rates either Countrey or Towne Rate—

* Att a meeting of the Select men
June 2d 1696—

(*page 115) Order as to relief of Widow Mercy Fiske

Then agreed that whereas in the yeare 1694:

Lt Charles Gott did receive into his hous or familey & Entertain his kinswoman Mercey Fiske the widdow & relict of Noah Fiske Deceased without the leave of the Select men & Contrarey to the Towne order & now by the Providence of God she being vissitted with sickness and lameness and not able to help herself and her Condition being so dangerous as that it calls for spedey releife and sd Lt Gott not being at home to take care for her the Select men judg it ther dutey to do something for her present releife & she haveing putt her self under the hands of Mr Edward Wells of Salem Practitionr in Phisick and Chyrurgerey for help under God it is agreed that if sd Mr Wells will use his best skill to doe what he can for her present relefe |where she is| the Sd Select men in behalf of the Towne will take care that he shall have sutable sattisfaction for his care and pains in the matter; |but will not yeild to have her removed to Salem|

Received of Joseph Herrick Constable of Wenham Twentey nine shillings & thre pence which was his part to pay of the Countey rate as appears by his warrant from the townsmen Receipt

March 31: 1696 John Appleton Treser
Copia Vera: of the originall—

Boston May: 28th 1696

Recd of Mr Joseph Herrick Constable of Wenham fourteen pounds eighteene shillings & six penc in full of two Receipt

Warrants amounting to nineteen pounds eighteen shillings & six penc rec^{d} for Mr James Taylo^{r} Treas^{r}

Jer Allen

Copia Vera of the originall
attest John Newman Towne Clle.

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* Att a Towne meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham—

Assembled June 22th 1696—

Jurymen

John Pirkins Chosen Grand Jureyman for the year Ensuing—

Sam^{ll} Kemball & William Fairfield Chosen to serve on ye Jurey of Tryalls att the next Enferio^{r} Court to be holden at Salem on ye last Tuseday of this Ins^{t}

Assessors

Att a towne meeting of the freholders & other Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled August the 5th 1696 for Choyce of Assesso^{rs} for makeing the List of Assesment—

Voated that the Towne will make Choyce of three men for Assesso^{rs} and said Assesso^{rs} to be Chosen by Righting but they ware not Chosen—

Assessment Lists

Att a meeting of the Select men for makeing the lists of Assesment for the Countrey Rates by vertue of a warrant from the Treashure^{r} which lists ware Dated August 18th 1696 and Comitted to the two Constables——

Constable Joseph Herricks two lists amounted to £31.3.10^{d} — £31.3.10^{d}

out of which he was ordered to pay to the Countrey Treashur^{r} according to his warrant: out of each List fiveteen pounds one shilling 8^{d} in the whole	30.3.4
And to Mr John Newman out of each list four shillings & 2^{d} in the whole out of both lists eight shillings 4^{d} it being for so much which the towne owed him for money laid out & time expended for ye towne	"0.8.4

The Remainder of both Lists being twelve shillings & 2^{d} that is in the 1st list 5^{s} 6^{d} & in the 2^{d} list 6^{s} 8^{d} was allowed him for collecting said lists & a former list	"0.12.2
	£31.3.10.
Constable John Dennisses two Lists amounted to twentey six pounds tenn shillings & 7^{d}	£26.10.7
out of which Lists he was ordered to pay to the Countrey Treashurer^{r} according to his warrant out of each List twelve pounds, eighteen shillings 4^{d} in the whole twenty five pounds sixteen shillings 8^{d}	£25.16.8
And to Ensigne Fayrfield to be allowed out of his rate in each List thre shillings 6^{d} in both Lists seven shillings——	"00.07.0
The Remainder of both Lists being six shillings & 11^{d} was allowed him for Collecting	"00.06.11
	£26.10.7

* Att a meeting of the Select men September the 2^{d} 1696—— (*page 117)

A Towne Rate was made in two Lists for the procuring money for the paying for the land called Wild mans Neck & Rootses meadow amounting to £14.5.10 which lists ware Comitted to the two Constables with a warrant on each List |to be Collected forthwith| Rate

Const. Joseph Herricks list amounted to seven pounds fiveteen shillings 7^{d}	£7.15.7
out of which he was ordered to pay to Capt Fiske Touune Treashur^{r} for the townes use seven pounds twelve shillings	"7.12.0
The remainder of his list being thre shillings 7^{d} was allowed him for Collecting	0. 3.7
Constable John Denisses List amounted to six pounds tenn shillings 3^{d}——	£6 10 3

out of which list he was ordered to pay to Cap^{tt} Fiske Towne Treashure^{r} six pounds eight shillings—— £6.8.0
The remainder of said list being two shillings 3^{d} was allowed him for Collecting— "0.2.3
|which list was again returned to ye Select men: & not Collected.|
which Lists said Constables ware ordered forthwith to Collect & pay in so as to Isue & Cleare: ther accots. with the Towne Treashure^{r} Att or before the first Day of Oct. next Ensuing——
|Constable Denisses List returned uncollected——|

Boston Septem^{r} 29th 1696

Receipt

Recd. of Mr. John Dennis Consta: of Wenham Eleven pound fourteen shillings & five pence in full of two warrants amounting to sixteen pounds fourteen shillings & five pence. recd. for Mr. Jan^{s} Taylor Trer^{r}

Per. Jer: Allen.——

Copia Vera of the originall receipt
as attest John Newman Towne Clerk—

Jurymen

At a Towne Meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham assembled November ye 4th 1696 for Choyce of Juro^{rs} for the next Superio^{r} Court of Judicature, to be holden att Salem —— ——
Mr. Isaac Hull Senr & John Dodge ware Chosen to Serve on the Grand Jurey and Ensigne Walter Fayrfield and Samuel Kellum to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att said Court——

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* Att a meeting of the Select men
November: ye 6th 1696 ——

Rate

Then a towne rate was made on the Inhabitants for the paying Mr Gerrishes Sallery for this present yeare 1696. and for Ringing ye bell & keeping the meeting hous which rate was to be paid one third part of it in money or as money the rest in pay which rate was made in two lists & Comitted to the two Constables with a

warrant on each list, also the wood Rate for 31 Cords & 3 foot.

Constable Joseph Herricks List amounted to in pay Twenty two pounds fourteen shillings & 5^{d}	£22.14.5
& in money eleven pounds eleven shillings & 6^{d}	"11.11.6
	£34. 5.6
and sd. Constable was ordered to pay out of said list to the Reverend Mr. Joseph Gerrish in pay Twentey one pounds ten shillings	£21.10.0
& in money Eleven pounds—	11.00 0
to Ensigne Batcheler for ringing ye bell & keeping ye meting hous in pay Twentey four shillings and 5^{d} ——	1.4 5
to Goodwife Woodward for the Select mens Expences in money five shillings ——	"0.5.0
The remainder being six shillings 6^{d} was allowed for Collecting ——	0.6.6
|Also a wood rate for eighteen Cords.|	
	£34.5.11
Constable John Denisses List amounted in pay: Eighteen pounds ten shillings & 11^{d}	£18.10.11
& in money nine pounds nine shillings & 11^{d}	"09.09.11
	£28.00.10
Said Constable was ordered to make payment out of said List to the Reverend Mr. Joseph Gerrish in pay: Eighteen pounds, ten shillings ——	£18.10.0
and in money: nine pounds	"09.00.00
and to Ensigne Batchelder towards ringing the bell & keeping ye meeting house in money four shillings ——	"00.04.00
The remainder being six shillings 10^{d} was allowed said Constable for Collecting	"00 6 10
	£28.00.10

|Also a wood Rate for 13 cords & thre foot|
Said Constables ware ordered to make payment of the severall sums abovementioned att or before the first day of Januarey next Ensuing so as to Isue & make up ther acco^{ts} with the Select men att or before the 28th Day of Februarey next Ensuing the date hear of ——

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Liberty to get timber

* Att a meeting of the Select men—Present: Ensigne Batcheler Sergt. Freind and John Newman—

Libertey Granted to Goodman Hacker to gett timber on ye towne Comon for the building a barne: twentey foott square——

To Goodman Berrey to gett timber to build an addition to his barne: of twelve foott in length:——

To Goodman John Herrick liberty to get timber anuf for the building & Covering of a barne of thyrtey foot long & twentey two foot in wedth with Leantows——

Jurors

Att a meeting of the frehold^{rs} and Inhabitants of Wenham Dec^{b} 23th 1696 Assembled for Choyce of Juro^{rs} to serve att the next Enferio^{r} Court of Pleas to be holden att Salem—

Serg^{t} Thos Patch John Edwards Senr & Nathaniel Walderne ware Chosen for Juro^{rs} to serve at s^{d} Court.

Wildmans Neck

Att a meeting of the Select men Jan^{ry} 27th 1696/7 then agreed that there should be a towne meeting warnd to be on the 9th Day of Feb^{ry} next Ensuing att twelve of the Clock at the meeting hous: to Agree about perfecting ye purchas of ye land cald Wildmans Neck and Rootses meadow —

Mercy Fiske

Also to agree what shall be done about sattisfying ye Charges demanded as haveing bin Expended about Mercy Fiske the widdow in her sickness —

Swamp

Also to agree about perfecting the devition of ye Comon Swamp that is not profitable for herbage & also to Consider & Agree about any other Toune buisness that may then come under Consideration —— and warrant was accordingly granted to the Constables to warne said meeting.

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* Att a Towne meeting of the frehold[rs] & other Inhabitants of Wenham Feb[ry] 9th 1696/7 (*page 120)

Serg[t] Thomas Patch Chosen Moderat[r] for the meeting —— Moderator

It being putt to the Towne wheither they would Impower any men to prosecute against Joseph Fowler for the recovery of the land cald Wildmans Neck and Rootses meadow, twas voted on ye negative —— Wildmans Neck

|Att the deseire of the Select men then| it being putt to the Towne that they would |give order for |pay|ing Doct[r] Edw[d] Wells the nessisary Cost which had bin Exspended about Mercey Fiske while she lay sick & lame & it was voated |on the| negative

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By thes Presents be it known that William Fairfield of Wenham &c: is acquitted & discharged as he was Constable & impowered to Collect the Ministers rates for the years: 1692 & 1693: by me Joseph Gerrish March 2[d] 1697/6 Receipt

Vera Copia of the originall receipt und[r] ye hand of Mr Gerrish

Attest John Newman Towne Clle.

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* Att a Generall Towne Meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled: March 2[d] 1696/7 *page 121 An. Town Meet[g]

Serg[t] Thomas Patch Chosen Moderato[r] Moderator

Serg[t] Thomas Patch John Porter William Fayrfield John Pirkins John Newman Chosen Selectmen for the yeare Ensueing Selectmen

John Newman Chosen Towne Clerke Town Clerk

James Friend Chosen Constable for the Westwardley part of the Towne being Westward & Northward of the Countrey Roade — Constables

Richard Dodge Sen[r] Chosen Constable for the other part of the Towne—Eastward of the Countrey Roade

Cap[t] Thomas Fiske Chosen for Towne Treashure[r] for the yeare Ensuing —— Treasurer

John Dodge by the Mill Chosen Survey[r] of high ways for the Eastwardly part of the Towne — Surveyors

Charles Gott Jun[r] Chosen for an other Surveyo[r] for the Towne

Theophilus Rix Chosen Surveyo^{r} of high ways westward of the Strayts — —

Fenceviewers

John Bare & Josiah Dodge Chosen for fence vew^{rs} for the neck Southwardly of the great Pond Brooke —

Thomas Kemball & Joseph Batcheler Chosen Vewers of fences

John Moulton & Joseph Fiske Chosen fence vew^{rs} for the westwardley part of the towne —

Haywards

Thomas Kellum & Wm Fiske Junr Chosen for haywards for ye yeare Ensuing —

Collectors for the Pastor's Rates

Voated that there shall be two Collecto^{rs} Chosen for the Gathering in of our Pasto^{r} Mr Gerrishes Rates for ye yeare Ensuing

Thomas Fiske Junr & Samuel Kemball Chosen Collecto^{rs} for said service —

Commoners

Voated that all those that have bin formerley Accepted as inhabitants & unto towne priveledges are also Accepted to be Coṁoners in our Towne, by the Voate of the Majo^{r} part of the Interested —

Adjournment

The Towne meeting is adjourned to the next Tuseday being the ninth Day of this Instant att one of the Clock att the meeting hous —

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* Att the adjournment of the Generall Towne meeting of the freholders and Inhabitants of Wenham Assembleld the 9th Day of March Anno Doṁ 1696/7

Tithingmen

Serg^{t} Richard Hutton John Killum and Ensigne John Batcheler Chosen Tything-men for the yeare Insuing —

Sealer of leather

William Knoulton Chosen Sealer of Leather for the yeare Ensuing —

Clerk of the Market

Ensigne Walter Fayrfield Chosen for Clarke of the Markett for ye yeare Ensuing —

Adjournment

The towne meeting is adjourned till to morrow morning being the tenth day of this Instant March att nine of the Clocke to mete at the meting hous —

Att the adjournment of the said meeting on the 10th of March 1696/7 — —

Wood & Timber on the Common to be divided

Voated that the wood and Timber upon o^{r} Towne Coṁons shall be devided amongst the Interested being Coṁonars & said Devition to be made by the last day of December next Ensuing —

Voated that ther shall be five men Chosen for a Comittey, who shall have power or the Major part of them to make the devition of the wood and Timber upon the Comons amongst the Comon^{rs} & also to settle bounds betwene the Towne & perticuler persons that have land leying Joyning upon the Comons —

Voated that the Towne makes Choyce of Serg^{t} Thomas Patch Ensigne Fayrfield William Fayrfield John Newman & Capt^{t} Thomas Fiske for the said Comittey to performe the service before mentioned —

Voated that [no] person or persons in our Towne shall fall any Green Tre or Trees upon our Towne Comons before ye last day of December next Ensuing upon the penaltey |of paying| of Twentey Shillings per tree one half of said fine to be to the Enformer he produceing Evidence & the other half to the use of the Towne said fine and forfiture to be taken by the Constable by disstress by warrant from the Selectmen & Improved for the townes use as aforesaid —

Penalty for cutting green trees on the Common

Voated that the Towne makes Choyce of Thomas Fiske Junr & Richard Dodge Senr to be Joyned & added to the five men before mentioned for a Comittey for the devideing of the wood & Timber on the Comon the majo^{r} part of them Agreeing —

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* Att the adjournment of the Generall Towne meeting of the freholders & inhabitants of Wenham assembled March the 10th 1696/7 —

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Voated that Lt Wm Fiske, Richard Dodge Senr John Severett Senr John Berry Joseph Hacker Zacheas Goldsmith, Robert Cue in the Right of Ephr^{m} Herrick & for his living and John Herrick in his own right & for Peter Tompsons living are all accepted to be Comonars in this towne ——

Commoners accepted

Voated that there is the priveledge of a Comonage granted to the living left by James Moulton Senr late deceased.

Att a meeting of the Select men
March 10th 1696/7

Then agreed & ordered that the Towne Clearke doe forth-

Thos. Piper & wife warned

with grant a warrant to the Constable to warne Thomas Piper and Grace his wife to remove out of our Towne & returne to the place from whence they came: ——

Att a meeting of the Select men
March 24th 1696/7

Constable's Account

Reconed with Constable Joseph Fowler for the Towne rate comitted to him Dated November 21th 1694 and he had made payment to the severall persons hearafter expressed Viz ——

To Mr. Joseph Gerrish in pay fourty pounds	£40.00.0
and in money twenty pounds	20.00.0
and to Robert Symonds for ringing the bell & sweping ye meeting hous in pay one pound ten shillings	01.10.0
and to Wm Fayrfield in pay sixteen shillings	00.16.0
and to Samll Fiske Carpenter in pay nine shillings 8d	00. 9.8
and to Mr. John Porter in pay four shillings	00. 4.0
& to Ezekiel Woodward in mony four shillings 9d	00. 4.9

Also Reconed with Constable Ephraim Kembell for a list of a Towne rate Comitted to him Dated Decemr 13th 1695 and he had made payment as followeth

to Mr. Gerrish in pay Twenty one pounds four shillings	£21.04.0
and in money or as mony eleven pounds eleven shillings	11.11.0
to Ensigne Batcheler in pay for keeping ye meeting hous Thirty shillings ——	1 10 0

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Rate

Rate

* Att a meeting of the Select men April ye 2d 1697 — By vertue of a warrant from Mr. James Taylor Countrey Treashurer a Rate was made on the poles & Estates in & belonging to the Towne of Wenham in distinct Lists ————

& Comitted to the two Constables: Viz.

Constable James Friends Lists amounted to fivetey six pounds eighteen shillings & 4d	£56.18.4

out of which his first payment to pay to the Treashurer was — Twenty eight pounds six shillings 4^{d}	28. 6.4
his second part ye same sum̃	28. 6.4
	£56.12.8
the remainder of said Lists being five shillings 8^{d} was allowed towards his Collecting	00. 5.8
Constable Richard Dodges Lists amounted to fivetey one pounds thirteen shillings	£51.13.0
out of which his first payment to pay to the Treashurer was: Twenty five pounds thirteen shillings 8^{d}	25.13.8
his second list or part the same sum	£25.13.8
	£51. 7.4
The remainder of said Lists being five shillings 8^{d} was allowed him towards his Collecting ——— ——	00 5 8
	£51.13.0

A Certificate of the names of the aboves^{d} Constables was sent to the Treashure^{r} with an account of the sum̃s in each of s^{d} lists Com̃itted to s^{d} Constables to Collect & pay in to him the s^{d} Treashure^{r}

Beverly perambulation

Att a meeting of the Select men Ap^{ll} 6. 1697— Then a noate was drawne to send to the Select men of Beverley to Choose men to perambulate the lyne and renew the bounds between our Towne & said Beverley: according as they had bin formerley stated & settled & to meet at the house of Robart Cue in said Wenham on the eight day of this Instant Aprill at about nine of the Clocke in the forenoone.
which said noate was delivered to Mr. Samuel Balch one of the Select men of said Beverley the same day for the end aforesaid ————

Goodwife Woodward

Capt^{t} Thomas Fiske Towne Treashurer was ordered to pay to Goodwife Woodard fourtene shillings 8^{d} money for the Select mens Entertainment there: in makeing the lists of Assesment for the Countrey Rate ————

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* Att a meeting of the Select men April ye 6th 1697 ——

Beverly perambulation

Capt Thomas Fiske Ensigne Walter Fayrfield John Batcheler Junr Theophilus Rix with some of ourselves or so many of them as shall appeare are deseired & appointed to goe on perambulation on the line & renew the bounds betwene our Towne & sd. Beverley according as they have bin formerly stated & setled; with such Gentlemen of Beverley as shall appear appointed for sd. service & to meet at the house of Mr. Robert Cue in sd. Wenham on the eight day of this Instant Aprill at about nine of Clock in the forenoone ——

Ipswich perambulation

Sergt. Thomas Patch one of the present Select men Richard Hutton Mr. Thomas Fiske Junr. Nathanll Walderne & John Browne or any thre of them are deseired & Appointed to meet with Ipswich Gentlemen att the hous of Mr. Walter Fayrfield in sd. Wenham on the 12th Day of this Instant April at eight of the Clock in the forenoone if fair weather if not the next fair day to goe on perambulation on the line & renew the bounds betwene our Towne and said Ipswich ——

Ipswich perambulation

Wee whose names are hear unto Subscribed being mett together this twelfth Day of April 1697 in behalf of our severall Towns Wenham & Ipswich to perambulate the lyne & renew the bounds betwene our severall Townes have mutually agreed & renewed the severall bounds on sd. lyne Eastward of the Center tree to Manchester lyne according as they have bin formerley stated & setled as wittness our hands the day above said, where as ther was a buntch of maples for the bounds between John Knoulton Senr: and Sar. Thomas Patch Senr: they being blown up we sett downe a white oake stake as neare the Root as wee could: for a rang bound —— ———

	marke
Robert Kinsman	Richard R. H. Hutton
	his
Joseph Euleth	Thomas Patch
Isaac Ringe	John Browne
Samll Ingalls Junr	

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* Att a meeting of the Select men (*page 126)
Aprill ye 19th 1697 ——

Lt. William Fiske Thomas Kemball |Ebenezer Batcheler John Edwards Junr| with Mr. John |Newman| & William Fayefield: two of the present Select men: are deseired & Appointed or any two of them to Joyn with Salem Gentlemen that shall appear Appointed to perambulate the line & renew the bounds betwene Salem & our towne |according as they have bin formerly stated & setled &| to meet at the hous of Captt John Dodge on the 27th Day of this Instant April att about nine of the Clock in the forenoone on said Day

Salem perambulation

Ordered that the Towne Clarke doe forthwith take Care to gett a warrant from a Justice for the Carrying of Thomas Piper & his wife out of or Towne.

Tho. Piper and wife

Salem Att a meeting of the Select men Aprill 6th 1697 ——— Salem Vote

Mr. Samuel Browne Mr. William Gedney & Sergnt. John Leach are chosen & Appointed to perambulate & Settle the bounds betwixt our said towne with such persons of the Towne of Wenham
as shall be Appointed & Chosen to meet them for that end & to meet att Captt John Dodges at nine a Clock in the morning on the last Tuseday in Aprill Currant Viz. the 27th day —

Vera Copia Attest: John Croade *Cllee* Salem

Salem perambulation

Wee whose names are under written being Appointed by the Selectmen of our respective Townes went In perambulation in the bounds betwene our said townes this 27th Day of Aprill 1697 we have accordingley renewed said Bounds betwene our said towns Begining att a white oake which is Topsfield bounds and from thence proceded according to Agreement made the 27th February 1681: and In Confermation hearof we have heare unto sett our hands this 27th Day of Aprill 1697 ——

for Wenham	for Salem
William Fayrfield	Joh Leach
John Edwards	Samll Browne
Ebenezer Batcheler	William Gedney

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* Att a meeting of the frehold^{rs} and other Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled May the 4th 1697—for Choyce of Juro^{rs} to serve att the next Superio^{r} Court to be holden att Ipswich: & also for Choyce of a Representative for the Generall Court ——

Jurors

The Towne made Choyce of Lt William Fiske to serve on the grand Jurey: and Josiah Dodge Thomas Fiske Junr & John Gott to serve on the Jury of Tryall at s^{d} Court — — —

Representative

Voated that the Towne will send a representative to the next Generall Court to be holden att Boston May the 26th 1697 — — — — —

Cap^{tt} Thomas Fiske Chosen for Representative for the next Generall Court

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Att a meeting of the Select men
May 31th 1697 —— —— ——

Sexton

Then Agreed with Ensigne John Batcheler for to take care of the meeting hous for the yeare ensuing to Ring the bell & sweepe s^{d} house as often as need shall require & he to be allowed for his care & pains in the matter Twentey six shillings as money to be paid by the towne—

Pound-keeper

Agreed that Jonathan Moulton shall keep the pound for the year Ensuing —— ——

Jurors

Att a Towne meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled June 24: 1697 —— for the Choyce of Juro^{rs} for the next Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden att Salem —— ——

Robart Hebbart Senr Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey for the yeare Ensuing —— ——

John Bare: John Browne: & Caleb Kimball Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att the said Court — —

Att a meeting of the Select men
July the 21th 1697 —

Warrant for Town meeting

Then Agreed & ordered that the Towne Clerke doe give out a warrant to the Constables to warne a Towne meeting to be attended att the meeting hous on Monday the second Day of August next Ensuing att five of the Clocke in the afternoone to give order what way shall

be taken for procuring money to pay the Representative & other towne debts: wheither by makeing sale of some small strips of Comon land or by a rate: & also to give notice to people to bring in att that time true bills of ther Poles & Estates,——and order the Constables to make return of ther warrant

said meeting was putt of to ye 4th of August att Ten of the Clock in the forenoone —

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* Att a Towne meeting of the freholders & other Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled August ye 4th 1697. (*Page 128)

Captt Thomas Fiske Chosen Moderator for this meeting — Moderator

Voated that the towne will make sale of the severall percells of land hearafter mentioned: Viz. that small stripp of land leying betwene the land of Nathaniel Walderne & Thomas Whites land & also a small stripp of land leying by John Dodges land so much as may be for the straightening his lyne from his white oake Tree to the Corner of his fence neare the Grape Vine & an other small stripp of land leying at the Northwardley end of Wenham Causway & on the Westwardley side of the Road, and the Townes part in the Island caled Wenham Island for procureing mony for the paying the townes debts —— —— —— Land to be sold

Voated that the Towne makes Choyce of Sergt Thomas Patch Mr John Newman & Ensigne John Porter as a Comittey fully Impowring them or the major part of them to make sale of any or all the aforesaid percells of land in the towns name: & the towne will rattify & Conferme the said sales by them made to any person or persons — — —

Voated that for as much as John Dennis who was one of the Constables the last yeare has absented himself & has not Collected that part of Mr Gerrishes rate yt was Comitted to him to Collect: the Towne now makes Choyce of Constable Richard Dodge for the Collecting of what is Remaining due of sd List & paying the same into the reverend Mr Gerrish forthwith; and accordingley a warrant was granted to sd Constt for Collecting ye same —— Constable John Dennis Constable

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Att a meeting of the Select men
August the 24th 1697 ——

Account

Then Received of John Dodge Junr for a small percell of land sould to him adjoyning to his own land by the Comittey above mentioned being to make sd Dodges line streight from his white oake tree to the Corner of his fence neare the Grape Vine, in money £1.10.0
Paid out of said money for the townes vse: To Goodwife Woodward for the Select mens Expences in makeing the lists of assesments for the Countrey Rate in money thirteen shillings: 0.13.0 —— To Mr John Newman which the towne owed him for money he had Exspended & layd out & paper for the Townes vse: fiveteen shillings £0.15.0 —

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*On the inside of the cover at the end of the book

Goodwife Woodward

* Goodwife Woodward Cr. for Exspences
May 24th 1697: seven shillings —— x
Aug 20: more six shillings
which was paid her in mony

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* Att a meeting of the Select men
August the 20th 1697—

By vertue of a warrant from Mr James Taylor Countrey Treashurer

Rate

A Rate was made on the Poles & Estates in and belonging to the towne of Wenham in two Lists & Comitted to the two Constables (Viz)

Constable James Freinds List amounted to Twentey two pounds seven shillings & 6d	£22.7.6
out of which he was ordered to pay to Mr. James Taylor Countrey Treashurer Twentey two pounds seven shillings 6d	£22.7.6
Constable Richard Dodges List amounted Twentey pounds Twelve shillings 8d	£20.12 8
out of which he was ordered to pay to the Countrey Treashurr seventeen pounds twelve shillings & 6d	17.12.6

the remainder of his list being Thre pounds & 2d the said Constable was ordered to in to the Select men for the Townes use by the first day of November next Ensuing	3.0.2
	£20.12:8

which Lists ware delivered to the two Constables

Att a meeting of the freholders & other Inhabitants of Wenham assembled in Towne meeting Novb 2d 1697

Jurymen

Ensine John Batcheler was Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey: att the next Superior Court to be holden at Salem: & Samll Kemball & William Fayrfield to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls at said Court.

Att a meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham

Novb 15. 1697

Moderator

Ensigne Fayrfield Chosen moderator for this meeting — Voated that the Towne will make Choyce of Assessors for makeing the list of Assesment ——

Voated that the Towne will make Choyce of thre men for Assessors.

Assessors

Voated that the Towne makes Choyce of Captt Fiske. Lt Wm Fiske & Ensigne Porter for Assessors

Ensigne John Porter refusing to accept as an Assessor Ensigne Walter Fayrfield is chosen assessor in his stead.

Assessment

Voated that all those of our Inhabitants that did not give in true bills of ther poles & estates to the Select men in the sixth month: shall now bring in true bills of ther poles & estates that they had in ye sixth month to ye Assessors by the 19th of this Instant or they shall be rate[d] will [doome]—

(*page 130) Order as to cutting trees on the Common

* Voated that noe person or persons in our towne shall fall or Cutt any green tree or trees upon our towne Comon for firewood till the first day of March next ensuing the date heareof on the penaltey of five shillings for everey tree so fallen or Cutt: also voated that whoe so ever of our Inhabitants shall fall or Cutt any Timber tree or trees upon our Towne Comon orderley that is by leave from the Select men shall forthwith Cutt up the

topp of said tree or trees into firewood fitt for the fire within six days after the falling s^d^ tree or trees & if said wood be not Caried away within one month after the falling of said tree or trees s^d^ wood shall be free for any of our Inhabitants to Carey away: & if any of our Inhabitants shall not cutt up the topps of such tree or trees by him fallen within a week as aforesaid such person or persons shall forfitt five shillings for every tre so fallen ——

The Towne makes Choyce of John Dodge Junr & Samuel Kellum to looke after the Comon at the Eastwardley part of our town & Samuel Kellum & William Fayrfield for to looke after the Comon on the other part of the towne to se that the above said orders be not Transgressed.

Voated that the penalties before expressed shall be one half to the persons before mentioned that are appointed to looke after the Comon for ther prosecuting the same & the other half to the use of the towne which said penalties shall be taken by distress by warrant from the Select men by the Constable ——

Assessors

The Assesso^r^ Chosen & mentioned on the other side refused to accept to make the said List of assesment for the Countrey Rate.—

Order as to

Att a meeting of the Select men November 15th 1697—

Rate committed to John Dennis

Then agreed that the Towne Clerke to grant a warrant to Constable Richard Dodge for Collecting the Remainder of the List for Mr Gerrishes Rate for the yeare 1696 that was Comitted to Constable John Denniss to Collect and he haveing absented himself & not Collect the same & the Towne haveing made Choyce of Const^a^ Dodge for Collecting the Remainder of said List.

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* Att a meeting of the Select men November 23th 1697 —

Rate

A Towne rate was made on the Inhabitants in Wenham for the paying of the Reverend Mr. Joseph Gerrishes Salerey for this Instant yeare 1697: in two distinct Lists and Comitted to the two Collectors with a warrant on each List which Rate was to be paid two

thirds parts of it in pay & one third part of it in money or as money

Samuel Kemball Senr Collectors list amounted to in pay Twenty one pound four shillings & 9^{d}	£21.4.9
& in money or as money Ten pounds seventeen shillings	£10.17.0

Also a list for a wood rate of sixteen Cords & five foott with a warrant on it.

out of which list he was ordered to se paid in to Mr. Gerrish in pay Twenty one pounds four shillings & 9^{d} ————	21.4.9
and in money or as money Ten pounds eleven shillings 3^{d}	£10.11.3
& to allow to Joseph Herrick out of his rate in money two shillings	00.2.0
& to John Herrick out of his rate in money thre shillings	00.3.0
Mr. Thos. Fiske Junr Collect^{ors} List amounted to in pay eighteen pounds thirteen shillings 10^{d}	£18.13.10
& in money or as money nine pounds nine teen shillings 6^{d}	9.19.6
out of which he was ordered to se paid in to Mr Gerrish in pay eighteen pounds thirteen shillings	£18.13.0
& in money or as money nine pounds eleven shillings 6^{d}	09.11.6
and to allow to John Dodge by the mill out of his rate in money four shillings	00.04.0
& to Josiah Dodge Thre shillings in money out of his rate	00.03.0
they & the Herricks being by mistake over charged in ye last Countrey rate	

Rate

Also there was a list for a wood rate of Thirteen Cords & four foott with a warrant on it which was to be paid in to Mr. Gerrish. said Collectors ware ordered to se said rates both *of pay & money paid in to said Mr. Gerrish by the first day of Jan^{ry} next Ensuing & to Isue & Cleare ther accounts with the Select men by the first

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day of Februarey next & the wood rates to be paid in by the first day of Aprill next Ensuing —

Rate

Att the same meeting of the Select men — November 23th 1697 —

A Rate was made on the poles & estates in & belonging to the towne of Wenham for our proportion to the Countrey & Countey Charges: by vertue of a warrant from the Treashurer & from the Clerke of the Sestions of the Peace. and an addition for some towne Charges which rate was made in two destinct Lists & Comitted to the two Constables.

Constable James Friends List amounted to Twentey seven pounds thirteen shillings & 2d	27.13.2
out of which he was ordered to pay to the Treashurer of ye province seventeen pounds six shillings	£17.6.0
To the Treashurer of ye Countey thre pounds nine shillings	03.09.0
To Ensigne John Batchelder for ringing ye bell & keeping the meeting hous one pound six shillings according to Agrement	01.6.0
To Mr. John Porter for money lent to Captt Fiske representative 12s & for nailes & a bell rope for ye meeting hous 4s 6d & for money pd. Goodwife Woodward for the Select mens Expences in makeing the lists of Assesments eleven shillings 6d in all Twentey eight shillings	1.8.0
Rate To Joseph Herrick for himself & Peter Tompsons rate he paid eight shillings 6d: John Batcheler Junr. two shillings 10d John Berrey 2s 11d: Samuel Fiske Senr. six shillings 4d Charles Gott Junr. 3s 6d Joseph Hacker 2s 7d John Leach 4s 5d John Moulton 1s 11d & John Newman 3s in all one pound sixteen shillings which sums are due to said persons for money they paid to the towne rate in the yeare 1696. that was made for ye buying the land caled Wildmans Necke which was not purchased	1.16.0

To Cap^{tt} Thomas Fiske Town Treashurer for the Townes use Thirtey eight shillings	1.18.0
Carried over leafe — — —	£27..04.0
* Brought from below on the other side of what Cons^{t} Freind was ordered to pay out of his list	£27.04.0
the remainder of said List being nine shillings 2^{d} was allowed sd. Constable for Collecting	0.9.02
	£27.13.02

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Constable Richard Dodges List amounted to Twenty five pounds one shilling 10^{d}	£25.1.10
out of which List he was ordered to pay to Mr. James Taylor Treashurer of the province in money Twentey four pounds fourteen shillings	24.14.0
the remainder of said list being seven shillings 10^{d} was allowed said Constable for Collecting	00.7.10
	£25.01.10

And said Constables ware both ordered to make the severall payments so as to Isue & make & Cleare there Accounts with the Select men by the first day of March next Ensuing ————

Att a Towne meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham assembled December ye 20th 1697

Zacheas Goldsmith John Edwards and Theophilus Rix Chosen to serve on Jurey Att the next Enferiour Court of Pleas to be holden at Salem

Jurymen

* Att a meeting of the Select men
November 23th 1697

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Libertey Granted to Thomas Kemball to gitt Thre pine Trees & two hemlock Trees one the towne Comon for board & planke & Two hundred of Rayles & fivety posts & one oake tree for Gice Thre small Trees for Sleepers —

Liberty to get timber &c. on the Common

Nathaniel Walderne Six hundred of Rayles & one hundred & fivety posts and Timber for building an end to his barne of Twenty foott long —

Sergt. Patch Thre hundred of Rayles & Timber for plank for a barne floare ————

Ensigne John Porter one hundred of Rayles & six pine Trees for board & fivety posts.

John Newman one hundred of Rayles fivety posts & four pine trees for boards.

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Liberty to get timber on the Common

* Att a meeting of the Select men for granting Libertey to the Inhabitants to gitt Timber on the Towne Comon for ther owne use in the Towne Dec. 27. 1697

Libertey granted to Benj:[a] Edwards for Timber for building an end to his barne of fourteen foott long and for one hundred of Rayles ————

Mordichai Larkum Two hundred of Rayles and fivety posts: for fenceing his land ———

John Gott six pine Trees for to make board and shingle for a Leantoo to his hous ————

John Browne Two hundred of Rayles and fivety posts and libertey for Gurts for his barne & slepers to lay a floare on in his dwelling hous ——

Goodman Cue Thre score posts & one hundred of Rayles & thre pine Trees for boards ———

Sergt. James Freind Pine Timber Trees a nuff to make one Thousand of board for finishing his dwelling hous — & Two hundred of Rayles & fivety posts —

Robart Hebbart one hundred of Rayles & fivetey posts for fencing his land ——

Theophilus Rix Two hundred of Rayles and fivety posts for fenceing his land —

Caleb Kemball one hundred & half of Rayles & fivety posts & two pine Trees ————

Ephraim Kemball Tenn pine Trees for to make board & shingle for finishing his Dwelling hous six oake Trees for slepers & one hundred of rayles & fourty posts ——

Josiah Dodge foure hundred of Rayles & for two hundred of posts Thre Trees to make sleepers for a barne floare ——— six pine & hemlock Trees for to make planke & shingle ————

Sergt. John Batcheler two hundred of rayles & fivety

posts, & a little pine Timber to make up what he hath already gott for building a barne & four pine Trees for boards ————

John Dodge one hundred of Rayles & Timber to make planke for a barne floare —— one walnut Tree for to make Coggs for the Corne mill

Charles Gott Junr. Two hundred of Rayles & fivety posts & Timber for building of an end to his barne of fourteen foot long and six pine Trees for boards ——

Lt. Charles Gott three hundred of Rayles

John Edwards sixtey posts & Timber for a Leantow for his barne ————

Cap^{tt} Fiske Thre hundred of Rayles |& thre pine Trees|

Lt. Thos. Fiske |pine| Timber for building his hous & for planke & board

Goodman Fowler Timber for building an end to his hous two hundred of Rayles ————

David Maxey Thre hundred of Rayles one hundred of posts ————

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An. Town Meet^{g}

* At a generall Towne meeting of the freholders & other Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled March 1st 1697/8 Captt Thomas Fiske Chosen moderator

Moderator

Selectmen

Voated that ther shall be five Select men chosen for this yeare: —— Cap^{tt} Thomas Fiske Deacon William Fiske Ensigne Walter Fayrfield Samuel Kemball & John Newman Chosen Select men for the yeare Ensuing.

Constables

Ensigne John Batcheler Chosen Const. for the Westwardly end of the towne ——

Sergt. Thos. Patch Chosen Constable for the Eastwardley part of the Towne

Town Clerk

John Newman Chosen to Continue in the office of Towne Clerke for the year Ensuing ——

Surveyors

Robert Cue Chosen Survey^{r} of the highways for the Westwardley part of the towne ——

John Browne chosen Survey^{r} of the highways for the middle part of the towne

John Coy Chosen Surveyr. of the highways for the Eastwardley part of the towne called the neck Eastward of ye great pond brooke ——

Fence-viewers

William Fayrfield & Ephraim Kemball Chosen fence vewers for ye westwardley part of the towne ——

Robart Hebbart Senr. & Sam[ll] Kellum Chosen vewers of fences for the Eastwardly part of the towne for ye yeare ensuing ———

John Pirkins & Charles Gott Jun[r] Chosen for fence vewers for the middle part of the towne for ye yeare Ensuing — — —

Collectors

Voated that ther shall be two Collecto[rs] Chosen for ye gathering in of our ministers rate for this year Ensuing —— ——

William Fayrfield Chosen Collecto[r] for the gathering in of our ministers rate of that part of the towne westward of ye Countrey road for ye year Ensuing ——

Nathaniel Walderne Chosen Collecto[r] for the gathering in of our ministers rate of that part of the towne Eastward of the Countrey roade for the yeare Ensuing—

Saw mill bridge &c.

Voated that whereas ther is a difference betwene the Towne & the proprieto[rs] of the Saw mill about the repairing of the bridg & Causways going over to the neck which said bridg is flowed by the waters being stoped by said proprieto[rs] of the Saw mill:—the Towne Eastward of the Straits doe Agre to allow every man a day worke towards the repairing of said bridge & Causways which shall be attended at the Survey[rs] warning ——

(*page 135) Mercy Fiske

* Voated that the Towne will make Choyce of Thre persons to goe and treat with Docto[r] Edward Wells about the Cost which he demands & has recovered Judgment for as haveing bin exspended about Mercy Fiske while she lay sick & lame, & also to agre with him said Wells on the townes behalf if they can or els that the Appeale that is entered to be prosecuted on the townes behalf —

L[t] W[m] Fiske L[t] Thomas Fiske & Ensigne John Porter are Chosen a Comittey to goe & treat with Doct[r] Wells, & agree with him about ye Cost above mentioned, & what they shall doe in the matter the towne will stand by: & Conferme ——

Adjournment

The Towne meeting is adjourned till to morrow being ye 2[d] of this Instant att twelve of the Clock to meet at the meeting hous —

Att the adjournment of the Generall Towne meeting March ye 2d 1697/8

Thomas Edwards now of Chebacco in Ipswich is accepted a townes man in our towne as an Inhabitant & ther is the priveledge of a Comonage granted to the liveing which he bought of his brother John Edwards — Thos. Edwards admitted

Voated that the weekley Contribution for our Pastor Mr Gerrish shall be duley attended and kept up and the Inhabitants what mony they shall contribute shall be bound up in a paper with the persons name ritten thereon —— Weekly Contribution for the Pastor

John Gott & John Moulton are Chosen for haywards or feild drivers for the year Ensuing —— Haywards

Voated that ther shall be some peice of our Comon att the East end of the Towne sold to procure money to pay Doctor Weld and that there shall be three men Chosen for a Comittey who shall have full power to make sale of some land att the Eastwardley end of our Towne of the Comon for the end aforesaid — Land to be sold to pay Dr. Weld

Lt Thomas Fiske Sergt Thomas Patch & Samuel Kemball Senr are Chosen for the Comittey aforesaid who have full power to make sale of land as aforesaid on the Townes behalf:

Voated that the towne will pay the widdow Small of Salem fourtey shillings money in full for her nursing, and attendance on the widdow Mercy Fiske while she lay sick and lame att her hous —— Widow Small, for care of Mercy Fiske

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* Att a Meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham assembled for Choyce of a Representative for the next Generall Court or assembley to be held att Boston ye 25th May next & also for choyce of Jurors for the next Superior Court: May ye 9th 1698 (*page 136) Representative

John Newman Chosen for Representative for the next Generall Court or assembly to be held att Boston for his Majtys service —

Samuel Fiske Senr Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey and —— —— —— Jury men

Benjamin Edwards Ephraim Kemball and John Batcheler Junr are Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att the next Superior Court to be holden att in May next —

Constable

Voated that whereas Ensigne John Batcheler was Chosen a Constable for the Westwardley part of the Towne and said Ensigne Batcheler haveing hired Sergt. Thos Patch to serve in his stead who was chosen Constable for the other part of the towne: the Towne Excepts of Sergt. Thos. Patch to serve as Constable for the whole towne for this yeare Ensuing ———

N. Waldern

Voated that Nathaniel Walderne shall be Excused from fencing the high way over a Cross his land which he bought of Zacheus Goldsmith for this yeare Ensuing upon Condition that he shall make two Conveniant hors gates for the townes use and hang them upon the land of Joseph Fowler & Zacheus Goldsmith where the highway is to goe over ther land by Agrement by the 21th day of this Instant May & also to keep conveniant hors gates where they now are upon his said Walderns land:

Gates

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Receipt

* Boston June 17th 1698

Rec'd. of Mr. Wm Gidney Serriff for the Countey of Essex eleven pounds eight shillings & 8^{d} by ye hands of Mr. Grove Hirst it being in full of an Execution upon John Denniss Constable of Wenham recd. for Mr James Taylor Treasur. ——— £11.8.8

per. Jer: Allen

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Rates

* Att a meeting of the Select men July ye 20th 1698 ——

A List was made on the poles and estates in & belonging to the Towne of Wenham for our proportion to the Tax of the Province with an addition for paying the Representative for his service att Generall Court: which List amounted to ye sum of Twentey eight pounds two shillings 8^{d} money £28.2.8 which list was Comitted to Constable Thomas Patch to Collect with a warrant upon it — and said Constable was ordered to pay out of it as followeth Viz —

To Mr. John Taylor Treasur[r] of ye province or his successo[r] in said office According to his warrant Twentey Two pounds Tenn shillings money ————	£22.10.0
To Mr. John Newman for his serveing ye Towne as Representative at Generall Court four pounds ten shillings att or before the sixteenth day of August next Ensuing	04.10.0
To Goodwife Woodward for ye Select mens Expences Ten shillings 6[d]	00.10.6
The remainder of said list he was ordered to pay in to ye Select men so as to Isue his accots. with them by ye 1st day of November next Ensuing —— ——	

Att a Towne meeting of the free holders & Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled: Octo[r] 25th 1698 —— **Seat in the Meet[g] House**

Voated that upon the request of Mr. Abraham Tilton Sen[r] of Ipswich for libertey to build or sett up a small seate in our meeting hous at the Eastwardley end of the pulpitt for himself to sitt in the towne grants his request: alwais provided that when he shall leave of useing of it himself it shall returne to the towne to be att ther disposall

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Att a Towne meeting of the frehold[rs] and Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled Nov[b] 2[d] 1698————

for Choyce of Juror[s] for the next Superior. Court of Judicature to be holden att Salem —— **Jurors**

Sergt. Richard Hutton Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey & Mr. Isaac Hull Sen[r] & Ensigne Fayrfield to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at said Court —

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* Att a meeting of the Select men December ye 1st 1698 —— **(*page 138)**

A towne Rate was made on the poles & estates in & belonging to the towne of Wenham for paying the Reverend Mr. Joseph Gerrishes Sallery for this Instant year 1698 & other Towne charges as Ringing the bell & keeping the meeting hous &c: which rate was made in two destinct lists & Comitted to the two Collecto[rs] with a **Rate**

warrant on each list & was to be paid one third part of it in money or as money the other two thirds in Currant pay: according to Agreement ——

William Fayrfields Collect^{ors} list amounted to in the whole Thirtey four pounds ten shillings 1^{d}	£34.10.1
and he was ordered to make payment out of said Rate to the Reverend Mr. Gerrish Thirtey two pounds five shillings	£32.5.0
To Ensigne John Batcheler for Ringing ye bell & keeping the meeting hous Thyrtey shillings	1.10.0
To Thomas Fiske Junr for the Select mens Expences in mony ten shillings	0.10.0
The Remainder of said List being five shillings 1^{d} was allowed for Collecting	0.5.1
	£34.10.1

Also a wood Rate of seventeen Cords each mans proportion of it being entered in the Margent of said Rate against each mans name which wood was also to be paid in to Mr. Gerrish ————

Nathaniel Walderne Collecto^{rs} List amounted to in the whole Twentey eight pounds thre shillings	28.3.0
and he was ordered to make payment out of said Rate to the Reverend Mr. Gerrish Twenty seven pounds fiveteen shillings —	£27.15.0

said Collecto^{rs} ware ordered to Isue & make up ther acco^{tts} of the money & pay parts of said Rates by the Last day of Februarey next Ensuing with the Select men —

Also ther was a wood rate of —— Cords each mans proportion in it being entered in the Margent of said Rate against each mans name which wood was also to be p^{d} into Mr. Gerrish ————

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Warrant for Town Meeting as to Common

* Att a meting of the Select men
December ye 16th 1698 —

Then Agreed & ordered that the Towne Clerke doe give out a warrant to ye Constable to warne the fre-

holders & other Inhabitants qualified to voate in towne affaires to assemble & meet together at ye meeting hous on fryday the Twenty third of this Instant att about ten of ye clock in ye forenoon to Consider & agree of some sutable way for proserving & improving of ye townes Interest in the Comon land leying at ye Eastwardley end of our towne between Turnup Swamp so called & Mr Wests farme Ipswich & Manchester line & so to Beverly line together with some comon land leying adjoyning to Rack Coone marsh so called as also that peice of comon land leying at the Westwardly end of our towne near Lords hill so called either by deviding the same or some other sutable way that the towne agree on —

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* Att a Towne meeting of the freholders & other Inhabitants of Wenham assembled December ye 23th 1698: according to the order of 16th of this Instant December (*page 140)

Ensigne Walter Fayrfield chosen moderator Moderator

Voated

Blank —

This Towne meeting is adjourned |by the moderator| to the first seconday or monday in January next to be attended att the meeting hous att about Ten of ye Clocke in the forenoon — also notice was given by the moderator then present to the Inhabitants to consider of: that so att the adjournment of this meeting they might agree of some sutable way for the preservation of the wood & timber upon other of the Comon land belonging to this towne & perticulerley the great swamp either by devideing the same or otherwise as the Towne shall agree to — Adjournment

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Att the adjournment of the Towne meeting on the 2d Janry 1698 —

Ensigne Walter Fayrfield who was the moderator being taken sick & not able to attend the meeting —— Moderator

Captt Thomas Fiske is now chosen Moderator in his stead to Cary on this meeting —

Voated that who ever shall presume to speak disorderly |in the towne meeting| without leave of the Moderator shall pay a fine of six pence to the use of the towne — Disorderly speaking in Town Meetg

Preservation of Timber on the Common

Voated that for the preservation of the townes Interest in the Comon land & improveing the wood & timber That all the wood & Timber upon all our Comon land Eastward of the great pond brooke so called to John Coys fence as now it standeth & then takeing the brooke that runeth out of the pond adjoyning till it cometh to Ipswich lyne, & from John Coys hous to Rack coone marsh so called shall belong to the *Comoners who live Eastward of the great pond |brooke| aforesaid and that all the wood & Timber on all our Comon land Westward of said great pond brooke, except a peice of Comon land leying at the westwardley end of our Towne near Lords Hill so called shall belong to the Comoners whoe dwell westwardley from said brooke & that each part or devision of Comoners shall have full power to agree & make such orderes as they and each of them shall so meet from time to time for preserveing and useing of the wood & Timber upon each of the devitions aforesaid

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Commoners

Voated that Rice Knoulton is accepted as an Inhabitant & to have Towne priveledges as a Comon^r on ye account of the liveing which his father bought —

Thomas Patch Junr is accepted as a Comoner in our towne.

Samuel Kemball Junr is accepted to have priveledge as a Comoner in our towne on the account of the liveing which his father bought of Sam^ll Moulton —

Samuel Porter is accepted as a Comon^r in our towne on the account of that liveing which his father bought of Sam^ll Fiske.

Samuel Fiske is accepted as a Comoner in the right of his brother Joseph Fiske: who was accepted and is removed to Ipswich —

Benjamin Fiske is accepted as a Comoner in our towne —

William Rogers is accepted as a Comoner in the towne on the account of the liveing which he has bought of Lt Gott.

Common to be divided

Voated that all the Comon land leying Eastwardley of Turnup bridge swamp so called, & of a lyne from John Coys hous to Rackoone marsh together with a peice of Comon land that leyeth at the westwardley end of our

towne near Lords hill so called shall be equally devided & proportioned to every Comoner in our towne an equall share both for quantitey & qualytey as neare as may be.

Voated that there shall be thre men chosen for a Comittey to devide & proportion the land abovesaid and Serg[t] Thomas Patch William Fayrfield & John Newman are chosen and appointed for the said Comittey.

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* Att a meeting of the Select men
Jan[ry] ye 18th 1698/9 —

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Rate

A list was made on the Poles and Estates in & belonging to the towne of Wenham for our proportion to the Tax of the province with an addition for paying the Representative for his service att Generall Court which list amounted to Thyrtey nine pounds seventeen shillings & 10[d] money — £39.17.10

and said List was Comitted to Constable Thomas Patch to Collect with a warrant upon it — and said Constable was ordered to make payment out of said Rate as followeth Viz.

To M[r] James Taylo[r] Treashur[r] of the province or his successo[r] in said office according to his warrant Thyrtey five pounds	£35.0.0
To M[r] John Newman for service att Generall Court as Representative the last Sestions Thre pounds seventeen ——	3.17.0
To M[r] Thomas Fiske Jun[r] for the Select mens Exspenses in making the list & something which he disburst for the Releife of Goodwife Hobbs nineteen shillings 3[d] ——	0.19.3

Att a meeting of the Select men
January: ye 30th 1698/9

Widow Hobbs

Then Agreed with W[m] Knoulton & his wife to take care of Goodwife Hobbs the widdow she being sick att theire hous: & said Goodwife Knoulton to be allowed for her care & pains two shillings per week in or as mony for her attendance & looking after her: for two weeks next coming, & to be allowed two shillings more per weeke for two weeks either in mony or such things as may be sutable for said Goodwife Hobbses releife, also

agreed to allow said Goodwife Knoulton four shillings more as mony or in mony for her pains in looking after & attending said Goodwife Hobbs for two weeks last past: She being sick & weake & not able to help her selfe, the whole to be paid in mony or as mony Viz. in fatt porke at 4^{d} per ^{lb}
butter 6^{d} per ^{lb} Indian Corne at 2^{s} 6^{d} per bushell—barly or bary mault at 3^{s} per bush^{ll}

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Constables & Collectors Accounts

* Att a meeting of the Select men
Feb. 27th 1698/9 ———

Appointed for reconing with ye Constables |& Collectors| for the Towne Rates Comitted to them to Collect —
Constable Joseph Herricke had made payment of the rate Comitted to him to Collect dated Nov^{b} 6th 1696 —
To Mr Gerrish: in pay £21.10.0: £11.0.0 mony —
To Ensigne Batchelder for keeping ye meeting hous 01.4.5 —
To Goodwife Woodward in money—0.5.0
Said Constable brought a Certificate under Mr Gerrishes hand entered on his rate & also a Certificate for his part of the wood rate entered on said rate ——

Samuel Kemball one of the Collect^{ors} for the towne rate for ye yeare 1697 brought a Certificate from Mr. Gerrish entered on his rate for pay £21.4.9 and in £10.11.3 also a Certificate of his part of the woodrate Comitted to him to Collect.

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An. Town Meeting

* Att a Generall Towne meeting of the Freholders & other Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled March 7th 1698/9 —

Moderator

Cap^{tt} Thomas Fiske Chosen moderator.

Selectmen

Serg^{t} James Freind Ensigne John Porter William Fayrfield Thomas Kemball & John Newman Chosen Select men for ye yeare Ensuing ——

Constables

Voated that ther shall be two Constables chosen for ye yeare Ensuing —

Thomas Kellum Chosen Constable for that part of ye towne westward of the Countrey Roade for ye yeare Ensuing ——

John Coy Chosen Constable for that part of ye towne Eastward of the Countrey Roade for the year Ensuing

Mr. John Newman chosen to continue in the office of Towne Clearke for ye yeare Ensuing — Town Clerk

Voated that ther shall be only one Surveyo[r] for the highways Eastwardly of the Straites for ye year Ensuing — Benj[a] Edwards Chosen Survey[r] of highways for ye towne Eastward of ye Straits — John Gott is chosen Survey[r] of highways Westward of the Straits for ye yeare Ensuing — Surveyors

Sergt. John Batcheler W[m] Rogers & Joshuah Wallis chosen for vew[rs] of fences for ye yeare Ensuing—. Fenceviewers

Joseph Batcheler & Nathan[ll] Walderne chosen Tythingmen for ye year Ensuing. Tithingmen

John Berrey & Sam[ll] Kemball Jun[r] chosen for feild drivers for ye yeare Ensuing.—— Field-drivers

Richard Dodge Chosen Collecto[r] for the ministers rate for that part of the towne Eastward of ye Country Roade, and John Pirkins for that part of the towne Westward of ye Country Road for ye year Ensuing Collectors

Voated that the severall voates which past att the adjournment of a Towne meeting on the seconday of Jan[ry] last past for the devition & improvement of the wood & timber on our towne Comons & also for deviding of ye Comon land that leyeth Eastwardley of Turnup bridge swamp so called & a peice of Comon land that leyeth at the westwardley end of our towne near Lords hill so called are hearby repealed & declared to be utterly void & of none efect — Repeal of the votes as to the division of the Timber on the Common &c.

The Above[sd] Towne meeting is refered or adjourned to the next seconday or Munday being ye 13th day of this Instant March to meet at the meeting hous at twelve of ye Clock at noon to Compleat what buisness is yet remaining —— Adjournm[t]

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* Att the Adjournment of the Generall Towne meeting on the 13th Day of March 1698/9 —— (*page 145) Order as to trees on the Common

Voated that noe person or persons in our Towne shall fall or cary of any Green Tree or Trees either wood or Timber of of the Comon land of our Towne for the space of Twelve months from the day of the date hearof with-

out leave orderly obtained from the Select men or the majo[r] part of them att ther meeting appointed for that end & such leave entered in the Towne Booke on the penaltey of Twentey shillings per Tree for every Tree so fallen cutt or caried away being therof convicted before lawfull authoritey and the Select men are appointed to see that this order be duly prosecuted against any person or persons that shall Transgress the same — — And the Select men shall attend on the second Munday in March, July, October & Januarey between the ours of one of the Clocke & five in the afternoone for the granting of leave to persons, for there owne nessisarey use in the towne with as much Equitey & Justice as may be, and to meet at the hous of Lt. Thomas Fiske.

Sergt James Freind Samuel Kemball Senr. John Batcheller Joseph Fowler Mordichai Larkum & Samuel Kellum are chosen & appointed to looke after the Comons to se that the above order be not transgressed and said persons or any of them or any other person or persons that shall enforme and produce evidence of the breach of said order shall be allowed for there care & pains in the matter Twenty shillings for each tree that they shall so enforme of & produce evidence for, to be paid them by the Towne — —

Att a meeting of the Select men
March 13th 1698/9 for

Liberty to get timber on the Common

Granting libertey for gitting of Timber on the Comon

To Joseph Fowler to gett timber to make fiveteen hundred or Clabbords: & a few small Trees for Ribbs for his hous ———

To Mordichai Larkum hemlock Timber to make four Thousand of shingles to shingle his hous

To Sergt. Freind liberty for a hundred of Rayles.

To Goodman Trow liberty to gitt Timber for fivety posts

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* Att a meeting of the Select men April ye 12th 1699 ——

Widow Hobbs

Then agreed with Mr. John Porter one of the present Select men to keep Goodwife Hobbs the widdow for one

months time & he to be allowed & paid by the towne two shillings & 6^{d} per week as money: for what time she remaineth there: & she was brought from William Knoultons hous on the 14th day of this Instant April & carried the same day to sd. Porters Also agreed att the same time that who ever shall take the sd. Hobbs next to keep shall be allowed after the same rate per weeke — ——

Att a meeting of the Select men
May ye 2^{d} 1699

Manchester perambulation

Then Agreed that having received a notification from the Select men of Manchester to appoint some persons to meet with them to perambulate the line & renew the bounds betwene our towne & sd. Manchester on the 8th Day of this Instant May:
Mr. John Porter Mr. Thomas Kemball two of the present Selectmen & Mr Thos. Fiske Junr. Josiah Dodge Benj^{a} Edwards & John Coy or any three of them or so many of them as shall appeare are deseired & appointed to meet with such Gentlemen of Manchester as shall be appointed by the Select men of sd. Manchester: to Joyne with our men to perambulate the lyne & renew the bobunds between our townes: on the 8th day of this Instant May att about ten of the clock in the forenoon & to meet at the white oake tree with ye broken top: & marked with W & M if said day prove fair weather if not then the next fair day att ye time aforsaid ——

Topsfield perambulation

Then agreed that the lyne be perambulated & the bounds renewed betwene our towne & Topsfield on Tuseday the Twenty third day of this Instant May att about Ten of ye clock in the forenoon to meet at the north wardley end of Wenham Causway if fair weather if not then the next fair day & Sergt. James Frend & Wm Fayrfield two of the present Select men & John Batcheler Junr. John Gott & John Moulton or any thre of them |or so many of them as shall appeare| are appointed for said service to Joyne with such Gentlemen of Topsfield as |shall| appeare appointed for said service.

Which was accordingly performed on the said 23th Day of May ——

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Warrant for Town meetg as to Representve

* A warrant was Granted to the Constables to warne a towne meeting to be attended, att the meeting hous on Fryday ye twelfth day of this Instant May to make choyce of a Representative for the next Generall Court or Assembley to be held & kept for his Magisties service one the Thyrtey first day of this Instant May: and the Constables made returne of the warrant that they had warned the freholdrs. & Inhabitants accordingly

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Att a Towne meeting of the Freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham assembled May ye 12th 1699 for choyce of a Representative for the next Generall Court or Assembley to be held & kept for his Majesties service & also for choyce of Jurors for the next Superior Court to be holden at Ipswich ———

Representve

John Newman Chosen for Representative for the next Generall Court ——

Jurors

Lt. Wm Fiske & Thomas Patch Senr. Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey att the next Superior Court.

Lt. Thos. Fiske & Samll Kemball Senr chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att the next Superior Court

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Att a Towne meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham assembled for to make Choyce of Assessors August ye 7th 1699 according to a warrant directed to ye Constable

Assessors

It being putt to the voat whether the Towne would make Choyce of Assessors for makeing ye list of assesment: it past on ye negative & it was left to the Select men there being other towne Charges to be added —

Att a meeting of ye Select men
August ye 7th 1699 —

Liberty to get timber

Libertey was granted to Benja Edwards to gett so much timber on the Comon as is nessisary for sleepers for his now dwelling hous: he being now in great nessesitey of them ——

Widow Hobbs

Also agreed that if Sergt. Thomas Patch will lett Goodwife Hobbs ye widdow have four pounds of sheeps woole for to improve for makeing her some Cloathing he shall be allowed for ye same out of the next Rate. —

Also agreed with Ebenezer Batcheler to Ring ye bell & sweep ye meeting hous for ye yeare Ensuing, begining ye 1st day of July last past & he to be allowed as money — £1.6.0 Sexton

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* Att a meeting of the Select men
August ye 23th 1699

(*page 148) Rate

Then a |Towne| Rate was made on the poles & estates in & belonging to the Towne of Wenham: for our proportion to the Countrey Tax & paying ye representative for service att ye Generall Court & some other |nessisary| towne Charges which rate was made in two destinct Lists and Comitted to ye two Constables |to Collect| with a warrant on each List to be paid in mony ——
Constable Thomas Kellums List amounted to seventeen pounds two shillinsg 3d —— 17.2.3
and said Constable was by his warrant to make payment to the severall persons hearafter named the Towne being Indebted to them Viz. ————

To Ensigne Porter for keeping Goodwife Hobbs one month ————	0.10.0
To Sergt Freind for money he paid the Glatier & corne & meal to Goodwife Hobbs	0.5.6
To William Fayrfield for mony disburst by him for the Townes use ————	0.4.6
To Thomas Kemball Senr ————	0.2.0
To Mr John Newman in part of his service as Representative out of ye first mony he Collects ————	1.10.0
To Mr James Taylor Treashur of ye province according to his warrant — fourteen pound six shillings ———	14.6.0
The Remaindr being 4s 3d was allowed him for Collecting ———	0.4.3
	£17.2.3

Constable John Coys List amounted to thirteen pounds sixteen shillings 8d — £13.16.8
said Constable was ordered by his warrant to make payment as followeth

To Mr John Newman of ye first mony he Collects of this rate in part for his service as Representative five pounds eight shillings	£5.8.0
and more for the townes use one pound two shillings ————	1.2.0
To Lt Thos Fiske for ye Select mens — Exspences in makeing said list ————	0.8.4
To Mr James Taylor Treashurr of ye Province six pounds fourteen shillings according to his warrant ————	6.14.0
The remaindr of said list being 4s 4d was allowed him for Collecting ————	0.4.4.
	£13.16.8

Said Constables ware ordered to Isue — ther accots with the Select men by 1st Decb next —

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Receipt

* Thes may Certify whome it may Concerne that William Fayrfield Collectr hath Collected the rate Comitted to him for my self made for 1698. and I doe hearby give him discharge as Wittness my hand this 26th 7th 1699.

Joseph Gerrish —

Att a meeting of the Select men ——
October ye 9th 1699

Liberty to get timber

for Granting libertey to persons to gitt timber on the Townes Comon for their owne particular use in the towne according to towne order —— ——

To Samuel Kemball Senr to gitt Timber for one hundred of Posts and Thre hundred of Rayles & four pine or hemlock trees for Boards —— ——

Theopilus Rix Libertey for so much Timber as is nessisarey for ye frame of a barne of Twenty foott long & eighteen foott wide & Timber Trees for bords for Covering of it ——

To Rice Knoulton Timber for ye frame of a barne: of Thyrtey fott long & Twentey foott wide with Leantowes to it & Timber Trees for boards for the Covering & Inclosing of it & Timber for two hundred of Rayles —

To Samuell Kemball Junr Timber for ye building of ye frame of a barne of Twenty foott long & Twentey foott wide & Timber for boards for ye Covering & inclosing it —

To Serg^{t} James Freind Timber for Thre hundred of Rayles & one hundred of posts & for Eight Thousand of Shingle — — —

To Thomas Kemball Timber fivetey posts & one hundred of Rayles one hemlock tree for Planke & a tree for Geoyce —— ——

To William Fayrfield one hundred & half of Rayles & fivetey posts & two Trees of pine or hemlock for planke ——

To John Newman Thre Trees for shingle —

Jurors

Att a Towne meeting of ye frehold^{rs} & Inhabitants of Wenham assembled November ye 1st 1699 — for to make Choyce of Juro^{rs} for the next Superio^{r} Court of Judicature to be holden att Salem on the second Tuseday of this Instant Novem^{r} ——

Serg^{t} Thomas Patch Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey —— ——

Lt Wm Fiske & Samuel Kemball Senr Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att said Court —

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* Att a meeting of the Select men
November ye 27th 1699 ——

Rate

Then a rate was made on the poles & estates in & belonging to the Towne of Wenham in two destinct Lists for the paying of the Reverend Mr Joseph Gerrish his Sallerey for this Instant yeare 1699: & for Ringing the bell and keeping the meeting hous which lists ware Comitted to the two Collecto^{rs} to gather with a warrant on each List which rate was to be paid on third part in money the other two thirds according to agrem^{t}—also ther was each persons proportion of wood was sett down in a distinct Collum, in each list ——

John Pirkins Collecto^{rs} list Amounted to — £34.9.8
& the proportion of wood on his list was
sixteen cords & seven foott —— ——

he was ordered to pay to the Reverend Mr Joseph Gerrish —— ——	£32.17.0
To Ebenezer Batcheler for keeping the meeting hous & Ringing the bell —	01.6.0
To John Newman for service done for the Towne —— — — —	0.3.0
the Remainder of said list being 3^{s} 8^{d} was allowed him for Collecting ——	0.3.8
	£34.9.8
Richd Dodge Collecto^{rs} list amounted to —	27.17.1
and the proportion of wood on his list which he was to Collect was Thyrteen Cords & thre foott —	
said Collecto^{r} was ordered to pay out of his list to the Reverend Mr Joseph Gerrish in part of his Sallerey for this Ins^{t} yeare	£27.3.0
and to Lt Thomas Fiske for the Select mens Exspences 7^{s} & for the Townes use 4^{s} ——	00.11.0
The Remainder of said list being 3^{s} 1^{d} was allowed him for Collecting ——	00.3.1
	£27.17.1

The said Rate was to be Collected & paid in to the persons to whome it was due att or before the first second day or Munday in Januarey next and the wood on each list was to be Collected & paid in to the Reverend Mr Joseph Gerrish att or before the first day of April next ensuing ——

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Jurors

* Att a meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled December ye 19th 1699 for Choycce of Juro^{rs} for the next Enferiour Court of Pleas to be holden att Salem on the last Tuseday of this Instant December —

Ephraim Kemball Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey ——

Lt. Thomas Fiske Joseph Batcheler & Samuel Kellum Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att said Court —

Att a meeting of the Select men Januarey ye 1st 1699 —

Then Agreed with Benjamin Edwards to take the Widdow Hobbs & keep her & find her hous roome & fire wood from this time till the second Tuseday in March next Ensuing the date hear of, and he to be allowed for it fiveteen shillings in mony by the towne, and if in case she shall stand in need of any releife for provition the said Benjamin Edwards to releive her and keep an Exact account of what he shall supply her with all for nessesitey and present his account to the towne & to be allowed for it by the towne what he shall so nessisaryly Expend for her releife ———

Widow Hobbs

Then a Warrant was Granted & signed by the Towne Clerke Directed to each of the Constables of this towne Viz. To Constable Thomas Kellum and Constable John Coy requireing each of ther to appeare att the hous of Lt. Thomas Fiske on Munday next being the Eight day of this Instant att about five of the Clock in the afternoon: to make up and Issue ther accounts with the Select men of the list of Assesment Comitted to each of them to Collect dated the 23th day of August last past —

Constables Accounts

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* Att a meeting of the Select men the 8th of Januarey 1699 for Granting of Liberty to our Inhabitants for Getting of Timber on the towne Comon according to the towne order —

(*page 152) Liberty to get timber on the Town Common

To Ensigne Walter Fayrfield Libertey for Timber to make thre or four score Posts ——

To John Killum Timber for sixtey posts and two hundred of Railes —

To John Gott Libertey for a frame to sett up att the end of his Barne of Twentey two foott long & twentey foott wide & timber for Boards to Cover & Inclose the same —

To John Browne Timber for the frame of a Barne of Eighteen foott square to sett up to the end of his now barne: & Timber for Boards & shingle for the Covering and Inclosing of it ——

To Ephraim Kemball Libertey for six pine Trees for board & shingle ——

To Caleb Kemball five pine trees and one hemlocke: for Board & Planke —

To John Herrick Liberty for timber for an end to his Barne & a Leantow to it being a frame: of fourteen foot long & twentey two foott wide & Timber for boards & shingles for Covering & Inclosing of it — —
|and a Back Leantowe for his hous.

Joseph Hacker Libertey for Timber for a dwelling hous of Twenty six foott long & Eighteen foott wide and Timber for boards & Plank for the Covering Inclosing and finishing of it — —

To Joseph Herrick Liberty for Timber for a frame to sett up att the end of his barne of fourteen foott long & twentey two foott wide and Timber for board for the Covering & Inclosing of it ——

To John Berrey Libertey for so much Timber as may make shingle anuff for the Covering of his barne: & timber for a Leantoe on the fore side of his barne ——

To Benjamin Edwards Libertey for so much Timber as will make two or thre Thousand of shingle to shingle a small dwelling hous of his by his now dwelling hous:

To William Rogers: Timber to make so many shingle as will shingle the East side of his barne:

To Thomas Edwards two trees for Posts & two hundred of Railes: and Timber to build a small shopp: of Eighteen foott long & fourteen foott wide & boards for Covering & Incloseing of it —

To Thomas Kellum Libertey for timber for the building of a barne of Twentey five foott long & twentey two foott wide & timber for boards for Covering and Incloseing of it: & Timber for two hundred of Railes & a fourtey posts ——

(*page 153) * To Sergt. Thomas Patch Libertey for Timber for thre hundred of Railes and one hundred of Posts ——

To Thomas Patch Junr. Timber for two hundred of Railes & one hundred of Posts & Timber for board & Clabboards for his hous & sleepers for his hous ——

To the widdow Cue: libertey for fivetey posts & one hundred of Railes & two or thre Pine trees for boards —

To Mr. Joseph Gerrish Libertey for fivetey posts —

To Joseph Fowler for six pine Trees for board and one hundred of Posts —

To Ebenezer Batcheler: libertey for two hundred of Railes: and five pine Trees for boards, & some timber to make up what he hath already gott for the frame of a barne: and fivety posts ——

To Joshua Wallis timber for thre hundred of Railes & one hundred of posts, & timber for a Leantow to his barne:

To Richard Kemball: two maple Trees & two Oake trees: for to make wheles ——

To Allexsandr. Maxey libertey for one hundred of Railes & thirtey posts —

To Nathaniel Walderne: Libertey for so much Timber pine or hemlock as may make shingle anuf for the shingleing ye west end of his hous which he bought of John Abbey: and one hundred & half of Railes & fivety posts —— ——

To John Edwards Libertey for four pine Trees for boards: & two pine trees for shingle & two trees for posts: |& for a Leantow to his barne|

To Lt. Wm Fiske libertey for Ten pine and hemlock Trees for board & shingle for a Sider hous: & Timber for fourtey posts —

To John & Jonathan Moulton Libertey for thre hundred of Railes & Eighty posts ——

To John Severett Senr. two Oake trees for posts & Timber for a leantoe for his barne ——

To Sergt. James Freind foure pine Trees for boards—

To John Leach: Libertey for so many pine or hemlock Trees as will make one Thousand of boards and six Thousand of shingle & two or three sticks of Timber to make up what timber he hath already gott for a frame for a dwelling hous:

To Samuel Fiske Senr four pine or hemlock Trees for board & shingle, and fivety posts ——

To Samuel Kellum libertey for two hundred of Railes & twenty or thyrtey posts ——

To Samuel Fiske Junr. four pine or hemlock Trees: for board for the finishing the hous he lives in ——

To Zacheas Goldsmith Timber for a Dwelling hous of fourtey foott long and Twenty foott wide & Timber for boards & shingle & plank for finishing of it — —

(*page 154) * To Lt. Thomas Fiske four pine Trees for boards & a load of Poppler Timber —— ——

To John Newman 2 hemlock or pine Trees for planke or boards ——

To Ensigne John Porter: Timber for building a small mault mill to sett on the brooke by his dwelling hous & six pine or hemlock Trees for board & planke & sills for his hous he bought of Sam[ll] Fiske: & Two hundred of Railes & fivety posts —

To Thomas Kemball Thre pine Trees & one hemlock tree for board & planke and thre small oak trees for sleepers —

To M[r] Isaac Hull Libertey for to gitt Timber for two hundred of Railes: & fourtey posts ——

To Joseph Batcheler: Libertey for six trees of pine & hemlock for boards —

Widow Hobbs

Then Agreed also that John Newman be allowed Thre Shillings & 6[d] money for keeping the widdow Hobbs from the Twentey fifth day of December last past to the third day of this Instant January & also Eighteen pence more in money which he paid for a man hors & slead to Carey the said Widdow Hobbs & her things to the hous of Benj[a] Edwards ——

Boston Novemb[r] 13th 1699

Rec[d] of M[r] Thomas Kellum Constable of Wenham Fourteen pounds six shillings in full of a warr[t] for said sum of fourteen pounds six shilling rec[d] for Mr. James Taylor Treashur[r]

Per Jer: Allen

£14.6

The above is a true Copie of the original receipt w[ch] ye s[d] Const. brought Attest John Newman
Towne Clerk —

Att a meeting of the Select men Februarey ye 16th 1699

Then Agreed that wher as Constable Thomas Kellum & Constable John Coy ware ordered by ther warrants to make payment to severall persons severall sums of mony out of the List of Assesment Comitted to them to Collect dated August 23th 1699 which they have negglected to performe

Constable Accounts

Its ordered that Mr. John Newman doe sue Const. Kellum: for Thyrtey shillings which he was ordered to pay to him out of said list: & that said Newman doe sue Const. Coy for Twentey two shillings which he was ordered to pay to him out of said list for the townes use —and that Mr. John Porter sue Const. Thos. Kellum for Tenn shillings which he was ordered to pay to him out of said list ——

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* Att a Generall Towne meeting of ye frehold[rs] & Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled March ye 5th 1699/700 —— ——

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An. Town Meet[g]

Cap[tt] Thomas Fiske Chosen Moderator for this meeting ——

Moderator

Cap[tt] Thomas Fiske Tho[s] Patch Sen[r] Samuel Kemball Benj[a] Edwards & Lt. William Fiske Chosen for Select men for the yeare Ensuing ——

Select men

John Newman Chosen Towne Clerke for ye yeare Ensuing ——

Town Clerk

Theophilus Rix Chosen Constable for that part of the towne westward of ye Countrey road for the yeare ensuing ——

Constables

John Edwards chosen Constable for that part of the towne Eastward of ye Countrey road for the yeare ensuing.

Sergt. Thomas Patch Chosen for Towne Treashure[r] for ye yeare ensuing ——

Treasurer

Joseph Fowler Senr. Chosen Survey[r] of highways Eastward of the Straits so called ——

Surveyors

Sam[ll] Fiske Sen[r] Chosen Survey[r] of highways Westward of ye Straits ——

Charles Gott Jun[r] & John Browne Chosen for Tythingmen for ye yeare ensuing ——

Tithingmen

Fence-viewers

John Pirkins Josiah Dodge & Joseph Batcheler Chosen for fence vew[rs] for ye year ensuing ——

Clerk of the Market

Ensigne Walter Fayrfield Chosen Clerke of ye markett for ye yeare ensuing ——

Collectors

It being putt to the voate wheither the towne would make Choyce of Collecto[rs] for gathering in of our ministers Rate for ye yeare ensuing it was voated on ye negative ——

David Maxey admitted

David Maxey is admitted as a Towne inhabitant to have Towne priveledge as a Comon[r].

Fielddrivers

John Gott & Benj[a] Fiske Chosen for field-drivers for ye yeare Ensuing ——

Wm Dodge admitted

William Dodge: son of Richard Dodge is accepted as an Inhabitant to have towne priveledge as a Comon[r].

Pound

Voated that ther shall be butt one pound in the towne, & that to be built or sett up, upon the knoule: at ye westwardley end of Goodman Symondes shop or at the westwardley corner of sd. Symondses Orchard fence by the swamp which of the two places ye Select men shall Judge to be most Conveniant ——

Rate

Voated that the Towne Rate made by the Select men the 23th of August last past |& Comitted to Const. Kellum & Coy to Collect| for paying our proportion to the province Charges & the Representative & some other towne Charges is hearby allowed & Confermed by the Towne ——

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Rates

* Voated that the Select men are Impoured to make a rate on the poles & estates in & belonging to this towne for so much money as shall be nessisary for paying the Representative & releife of the Poor &c. for the yeare Ensuing & also for sattisfying of what has bin disbursted for keeping & releif of ye widdow Hobbs by Contribution or by order of ye Select men —

Exchange with John Dodge Jr.

Voated that wheras att a towne meeting ye 16th March 1686: In Answer to the request of John Dodge Jun[r] Ensigne Fayfield Corp[ll] John Kellum & John Bare ware Appointed to make an Exchang with him said Dodge of a strip of swamp & upland leying within his fence: & adjoyning to his fiveteen acc[rs] for land of his neare Henry Haggetts: which has heither to bin neglected, therfore the Towne now makes Choyce of Cap[tt] Thos. Fiske

Ensigne Fayrfield Sergt. James Freind Thos. Patch Senr. John Porter as a Comittey, they or the Majo^r part of them to make & Compleat said Exchange, & also to settle & renew bounds between the townes Comon land & perticuler persons where it is needfull.

Warrant for Town Meet^g as to Widow Hobbs

Att a meeting of the Select men
of Wenham March 18th 1699/700

Ordered that the Constable shall warne the Inhabitants of our towne to meet on March Instant the 20th att or about four of the Clock in the afternoon att the meeting hous to Agree what is best to be don in order to the widdow Hobbs for her maintenance and Constable Theophilus Rix is hereby required in his Majesties name to give notice as abovesaid.

Wenham Dated March 18th 1699/700
Thos. Fiske by order
of the Select men —

I have warned the towne meeting according to the within riten warent

March 20th 1699/700 Theophilus Rix
Constable

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B. Edwards proposal as to Widow Hobbs

* March 20th 1699/700

Att a towne meeting Legally warned Benjamin Edwards propounds to the towne that in case the towne would pay him thyrtey pounds mony Viz: fiveteen pounds within six months after the date hereof and fiveteen pounds more within a yeere after that, that then he will keep the Widdow Hobbs her whole life time and be ingaged to maintain her so as to discharge the towne of any further Care or Charge about her: provided that in case she shall dey within one yeare from the time he tooke her then the towne shall be acquitted the second payment ——

Twas putt to voate & the towne voated on the affermative to accept of said Edwardses proposition ——

Att a meeting of the Select men the 27th of March 1700 —

Beverly perambulation

Then a notification was Drawn to send to ye Select men of Beverley to give them notice to Appoint & send men with full power to Joyne with our men Ensigne Walter Fayrfield Thomas Edwards & Benjamin Edwards or any two of them to perambulate on the Lyne & renew the bounds betwene Wenham & Beverley on the Eight day of Aprill next & to meet att the hous of Benjamin Edwards in said Wenham att Eight of the Clock in the forenoon on said Day to attend said service —

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Jurors

* Att a Towne Meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled April 29th 1700 for to make Choyce of Jurors. for the next Superior Court of Judicature to be holden att Ipswich on the Third Tuseday in May next and also a Representative to serve at the next great & Generall Court or Assembley to be held & kept for his Majtigs service in Boston—As also to make Choyce of Assessors for makeing the List of Assesment for our proportion to the Countrey tax: —

Assessors

Jurors

Samuel Fiske Senr. Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey: William Fayrefild Thomas Kemball & John Gott Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att said Court —

Ensigne Walter Fayrfield was by a major voate Chosen for Representative —

Assessors

It being put to voat wheither the Towne would make Choyce of Assessors for makeing the list of Assesment for the Countrey tax, it past on the negative —

Att a meeting of the Select men
April 29th 1700

Salem perambulation

Haveing received a Notification from Salem Select men to Appoint persons to Joyne with thos Appointed by them to perambulate the bounds betwen Salem & our towne on the last Tuseday of this Instant April att one of ye Clock in the afternoon & to meet at the hous of John Gott in our towne — Lt. Wm Fiske & Samuel Kemball two of the present Select men are appointed to attend said service —

Notice to Beverly as to perambulation

Essex ss To the Select men of Beverley

Greeting, Gentlemen we sent a signification, to you to make Choice of some persons, & send with full power from your selves to Joyne with such of our Towne as should be Appointed to perambulate the lyne & renew the bounds betwene our towne & yours on the Eight day of this Instant April & they ware to meet att the hous of Benjamin Edwards in said Wenham about Eight of the Clock in the forenoon, which we attended: but your Gentlemen of Beverley came so late that there could not be Conveniant time on said day to renew the bounds Eastward from said Benjamin Edwardses hous & Westward of the great pond, so that the work still remains unperformed, & we doe now deseire that you will pleas to appoint & Impower some sutable persons to meett with such of ours as shall be appointed to finish sd. perambulation & renew the bounds west ward of the great pond according as they are now stated & setled & to meett at the hous of ye widdow Cue in Wenham on the thirteenth day of May next Ensuing att about one of ye Clock in ye afternoon to attend said service ——

Wenham April 29th 1700

Thomas Patch
William Fiske
Samuel Kemball
Benjamin Edwards
} Select Men —

(*page 159) Salem vote & notification

* To the Select men of Wenham

Greeting:

These are to notify that Captt Porter Mr. Peter Osgood. Mr. Timo Lyndall Mr. Nathll Hathorne or the major part of them are appointed & Impowered to perambulate the bounds with you, & to meet with such as you shall Appoint att John Gotts on the last Tuseday of this Instant April att one of the Clock in ye Afternoon, for said service—

Salem April 2: 1700

Per order of ye Select men

Daniel Epes Towne Clr.

Salem & Wenham perambulation

Wee whose names are under written being Appointed to perambulate on the Bounds between Salem & Wenham Have accordingley performed said perambulation, & renewed the bounds being a white oake on the N. west side of the Causey & so over the Causey to the Eastermost end of the Causey & from thence to a black oake dead marked with a heap of stones which is said to be Mr. Daniel Andrews Corner bounds and soe on a lyne to the Southermost bounds of John Leaches land to a white oake marked S. & W. and from thence to the head of the lyne betweene Wenham & Beverley to a white Oake marked with S. & W. and in confermation of our mutuall agrement, in the renovation of our above-said Bounds wee have hear unto sett our hands this 30th of April Anno 1700

William Fiske	Select	Israel Porter
Samuel Kemball	men of	Timothy Lyndall
Samuel Fiske	Wenham	Peter Osgood —

Jurors &c.

Att a meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham assembled April 29th for to make Choyce of Jurors for the next Superiour Court of Judicature to be holden att Ipswich: on the third Tuseday in May next & Also a representative to serve at the next great & Generall Court or Assembly to be held & kept for his Majtys service Att Boston & to make Choyce of Assessors for makeing the list of Assesment for our proportion to the Countrey tax —

Jurors

Samll Fiske Senr. Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey, William Fayrfield Thomas Kemball & John Gott Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls at said Court —

Representative

Ensigne Walter Fayrfield Chosen for Representative by the Major Voate —

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Assessors

* And it being putt to Voate wheither the Towne would make Choyce of Assessors for makeing the list of assesment for the Countrey tax it past on the negative —

May the 1st 1700: Captt Thomas Fisk Lt. Wm Fiske Sergt. Thomas Patch Samll Kemball Senr. & Benjamin Edwards being Select men for this Instant yeare Ap-

peared & tooke the Oath of Assesso^{rs} for proportioning the Sum sett upon our towne by the Generall Court att there Session the 13th day of March last past —

Att a meeting of the
Select men May ye 7th 1700

Then a tax was made on the poles & estates in & belonging to the towne of Wenham in two distinct Lists & Comitted to the two Constables to Collect:

Constable Theophilus Rixses list amounted to eleven pounds fiveteen shillings & 11^{d}	11.15.11
and he was ordered to pay to Mr. James Taylor Countrey treashurer according to his warrant eleven pounds —	11.00.0
and to the towne Treashurer ten shillings	0.10.0
the remainder of said list was allowed him for Collecting being five shillings 11^{d}	0.5.11
	£11.15.11
Constable John Edwardses list amounted to ten pounds four shillings.	£10.04.0
and he was ordered to pay to Mr James Taylor Countrey Treashurer according to his warrant ten pounds	10.00.0
the remainder was allowed him for Collecting being four shillings	00.4.0

Also at the same time ther was a Countrey Rate made in two destinct lists and Comitted to the two Constables with a warrant on each list ——

Const. Theophilus Rixses List amounted to thre pounds eighteen shillings 6^{d}	£3.18.6
And he was by his warrant ordered, to pay to the Countey Treasurer one pound seventeen shillings 3^{d}	1.17.3
To the Towne Treasure^{r} for the townes use: one pound eighteen shillings ——	1.18.0
the remainder of said list was allowed him for Collecting being thre shillings 3^{d}	0.3.3

Cons^{t} John Edwardses List amounted to thre pounds six shillings 8^{d} ——	£3.6.8
and he was ordered to pay to the Countey Treashure^{r} two pounds ten shillings —	£2.10.0
To the Towne Treashure^{r} ——— ———	0.10.8
the remainder being 6^{s} was allowed him for Collecting —— ——	0.6.0
said lists was to be paid in by ye last day of June next ensuing the date hearof	

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Jurors

* Att a Towne meeting of the frehold^{rs} and Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled June the 17th 1700 — for to Chose Juro^{rs} for the next Enferiour Court of Pleas to be holden att Salem on the last Tusday of this Instant June — — Tobias Trow Allexander Maxey and John Moulton Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att said Court.

Att a meeting of the Select men
September ye 2^{d} 1700 ——

Tax

Then a tax was made on the poles & estates in & belonging to this towne: for our proportion to the Countrey tax: with an over plus to be paid to the towne Treashure^{r} which tax was made in two Destinct Lists for the two Constables & a warrant on each list which tax was to be paid in money by the 31th Day of Decem^{r} next ensuing —

Cons^{t} Theophilus Rixses List amounted to Twentey three pounds seventeen shillings 3^{d}	23.17.3
and he was ordered to make payment to ye Countrey Treasur^{r} Twenty two pounds eight shillings ——— ——	22.8.0
and to the Towne Treasure^{r} Twenty five shillings —— —— —	01.5.0
the Remaind^{r} being four shillings thre pence was allowed for Collecting —	00.4.3
	£23.17.3

Cons^{t} John Edwardses List amounted to Eighteen pounds seventeen shillings & 11^{d}	£18.17.11
which he was ordered to pay in to the Countrey treashurer excepting six shillings 11^{d} that was allowed him for Cillecting —— —	0.6.11

Att the same meeting of the Select men: a tax was made for Towne Cost for the Poor, in two destinct Lists & a warrant on each List to be paid in money by the Tenth Day of October next ensuing —

Cons^{t} Rixses List amounted to eleven pounds nineteen shillings 2^{d}	11.19.2
which sum he was ordered to pay in to the Towne Treasure^{r} Excepting four shillings 2^{d} that was allowed him for Collecting said list	
Cons^{t} Edwardses List amounted to nine pounds ten shillings 8^{d} — — — —	9.10.8
and he was ordered to make payment of nine pounds Ten shillings to the towne Treasure^{r} —— ——	9.10.0
the Remainder being 8^{d} was allowed him —— ——	

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* Att a meeting of the Select men (*page 162)
September ye 9th 1700 ——

Cap^{tt} Thomas Fiske Appointed to keep a Scoole in the towne for the yeare Ensuing for the learning of children and Youth to Read & *right* and he to be allowed by the towne his proportion of Rates to Countrey Countey and towne for this yeare Ensuing from this time beside what he shall have of those that he shall so learne to read & right — School

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Att a Towne meeting of ye freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham assembled October ye 22th 1700 for Choice of Juro^{rs} for the next Superio^{r} Court to be holden att Salem for ye Countey of Essex: Jurors

Thomas Edwards Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey

Ensigne John Porter & Benj^{a} Edwards Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls ——

Att a meeting of the Select
October 22th 1700 ——

Then a warrant was granted to ye Constables to warne a towne meeting of the frehold^{rs} & Inhabitants of this towne to meet at ye meeting hous on ye 29th day of this Instant: att about Ten of ye Clock in ye forenoon Warrant for Town Meet^{g} as to the Common

to Consider & Agree of some way to prevent stripp & wast of ye wood |& Timber| on our Comon by deviding of it if it be thought best, or what shall be found meet to be don for ye better Improvem^t of our Comon land according to ye warrant:

Att a meeting of the frehold^rs & Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled Octob^r 29. 1700 by vertue of ye above order of ye Select men —— —

Moderator Votes entered in "the Great book"

Cap^tt Thomas Fiske was Chosen moderator and the severall voates that past att this meeting are Entered in the great Booke appointed for recording of ye devitions of Land in f° 15:

Att a meeting of the Selectmen
the 18th of Novem^r 1700 —

Warrant for Town Meet^g as to timber &c. on Common

Then a Warrant was Granted to the Constables to Warne the frehold^rs and Comon^rs in our towne to meet together att the meeting hous on monday the 25th of this Instant November att Ten of the Clock in the forenoon to Consider of & doe what shall then by them be thought best to be done in order to preserving, our wood & timber on our Comon land by allowing of such devisions as have bin voated & are Entered in our towne Booke or makeing any other devision upon ye whole or any part of it as ye Comon^rs shall think meet —

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Jurors

* Att a Towne meeting of the frehold^rs & Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled the 3^d day of Decem^r 1700: for Choyce of Juro^rs for the Sessions & Enferio^r Court of Pleas to be holden att Salem the last Tuseday of this Inst.

Joshua Wallis was Chosen Grand Jurey man for the yeare Ensuing ——

Nathaniel Walderne & Ebenezer Batcheler Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Trialls att said Court —

Att a meeting of the Select men
December ye 3^d 1700 ——

Rate

Then a Towne Rate was made on the poles & estates in & belonging to this towne for paying the Reverend Mr Joseph Gerrish his Sallery, for this Instant yeare 1700

which Rate was made in two destinct Lists and Comitted to the two Constables with a warrant on each Lists, and Comitted to the two Constables with a warrant on each List, & was to be paid one third part of it in mony or as mony the other two thirds according to Agreem[t]

Also ther was Each persons proportion of wood sett downe in a distinct Collum in each List which said Constables ware to Collect —— ——

Constable Rixses List amounted to Thyrtey thre pounds eight shillings & 8[d]	33.8.8

& his proportion of wood to Collect was sixteen Cords & seven foott ——

said Constable was ordered to pay to the Reverend M[r] Joseph Gerrish Thyrtey thre pounds ————	£33.0.0
The Remaind[r] being eight shillings & 8[d] was allowed him for Collecting ——	00.8.8
Constable John Edwardses List amounted to Twentey eight pounds eighteen shillings & 5[d]	£28.18.5

and his proportion of wood to Collect was Thyrteen Cords & two foott: — —

Said Constable was ordered to pay to the Reverend M[r] Gerrish Twentey seven pounds	27.0.0
To the Towne Treashure[r] one pound & twelve shillings —— —— —	01.12.0
the Remainder being six shillings & 5[d] was allowed him for Collecting ——— —	0.6.5

Said Rate both of money & pay was to be Collected & paid in to M[r] Gerrish & the towne Treashurer att or before the first Munday in January next. & said Constables ware to Issue there accounts by the last day of Februarey next Ensuing —

And the wood in each List was to be paid in to the Reverend M[r] Gerrish att or before the first day of Aprill next Ensuing —

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Receipts

* Boston July 4th 1700 —

Recd of Mr Theophilus Rix Constable of Wenham by the hands of Mr John Edwards Eleven pounds in full of a warrant, for the like sum̃ of Eleven pounds.

recd for Mr James Taylor Treasur ———

£11.—— Per Jer: Allen —— ——

Boston Decemr 20th 1700

Recd of Mr Theophilus Rix Constable of Wenham by the hands of Mr Samuel Kimball Twentey two pounds eight shillings in full of a Warrant for the like sum of Twentey two pounds eight shillings — recd for Mr James Taylor Treasur

£22.8 — — Per Jer: Allen

Recd of Theophilus Rix Constable of Wenham the sum̃ of Thyrtey seven shillings thre pence in money upon ye accot of the Countey of Essex: it being in full of his part Comittd to him by the Select men of the said towne —

Ipsw. July 6. 1700

Per John Appleton Treasur ——

Boston July 4th 1700

Recd of Mr John Edwards Constable of Wenham Ten pounds in full of a Warrant for the like sum̃ of Ten pounds, recd for Mr James Taylor Treasur

£10. — — Per Jer. Allen

Boston Janury 29th 1700 ——

Recd of Mr John Edwards Constable of Wenham Eighteen pounds eleven shillings in full of a Warrant for the like sum̃ ——

recd for Mr James Taylor Treasur

£18.11 — — Per Jer. Allen

Recd of John Edwards Constable of Wenham the sum̃ of fiftey shillings in mony upon the accot of the Countey of Essex it being in full of his part to Collect for the said Towne ——

Ipsw. July 24th 1700 —

Per Jno Appleton Treasur — —

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* March 4th 1701 ——

Then made up an account with Constable Theophilus Rix for all Assesments Com̃itted to him by the Select

men for the yeare last past & he is to be acquitted & Discharged fully & absolutely Except for the ministers rate

Thomas Patch Towne Treashure^{r} ——

Boston November 21th 1699 —

Rec^{d} of Mr John Coy Constable of Wenham six pounds fourteen shillings in full of a Warrant for the like sum̃ of six pounds fourteen shillings rec^{d} for Mr James Taylo^{r} Treasu^{r} ——

£6.14 —— Per Jer. Allen

Boston December 13th 1701 ——

Rec^{d} of Mr Samuell Kellim Constable of Wenham Eighteen pounds six shillings & eight pence —

Rec^{d} for Mr James Taylor Treasur^{r} ——

Per Jere—— Allen

Rec^{d} of Samuel Killim formerly Constable of Wenham the full sum̃ that he was to pay to me for the Countie Rate of Essex

I say Recd.

Per John Aplton

Counti Treas^{rer}

Ipswich November 16th 1702

A true Entery of the originall Receipt

Attest Thos Fiske Clerk —

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* Whereas I Thomas Fiske have an acre of Swamp land laid out to me at Pleasant Pond at the East End of our Towne I doe hereby Relinquish my Rite thereunto I doe hereby quit Claime to said acre as wittnese my Hand this ii Day of Febrary 1702/3 (*page 139) Thos Fiske's Quitclaim

[Thos. Fiske†]

† *This signature was erased in the original record* —

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* To the Town Treasurer of Wenham Greeting. the Sellect men have ordered Joseph Fowler Senr. to Receive of you thirty shillings for [Gatts] which the town Ingaged to pay for — (*page 27) Order on the Town Treasurer

Per order of the Select men

Thos Fiske T Clerc — Receipt

September 23^{d} 1706 —

Received of Mr. Thomas Fiske the writtin mentioned I say Received me

Josiph Fowler

The above is a True Entry

Attest William Fairfield
Town Clerk—

(*page 28) Order on the Constable

* September the 27th 1706

To Constable William Rogers Greeting —

You are desired to pay to Decon Fiske six pounds of your Towne Ratt as soon as you can

by order of the Select men

James Freind
Thomas Kemball
John Gott

Receipt

Received of Constable William Rogers the some of six pounds mentioned in this order October the 21st day 1706

I say Received by me

William Fiske

A true Entry

Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk.

Order on the Treasurer

At a meeting of the Select men

June the fifth: 1706 Mr. Treasurer please to pay to Decon Fiske to Compleat his dew as Representative for the Town for the year 1705 the some of four pounds & take his Receipt for the same

Per order of the Select men

William Faierfield Town Cler —

Received of Mr. Treasurer one pound of the within mentioned order

This: 10 of June 1706 ——

William Fiske ——

Received 2 pound more of the 4 pound ordered on the other side

William Fiske

Received one pound more of the foure pound ordered on the other side

William Fiske ——

The above Entry of the order & the Receipts their on is truely entred & compared as Attest

William Faierfield Town Clerk

Received of Thos. Fiske Treasurer Thise 24 of Fabrawary one pound

I say Recd.
William Fiske ——

— MISCELLANEOUS —

The following items, copied from the same Record Book, are inserted here because being without certain date, they could not be entered in their chronological order. They comprise all that there is in the old book not found in the preceding pages.

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* A Subscription for the widow Gear 3:11:80 —— (*page 1)
for Sam^{ll} Moulton Widow Gear
—— 82 ——
to be Added to Mr Gerrishes Rate 1—17.3 Accounts
of wch. Joseph Porter 1—10
except John Dodg & Wm Moulton 1.—8—0
& to be allowed to Sam^{ll} Moulton for defect of pay Rate in 80: |to the towne|
for Joseph Porter 0—13—10
Wm Rayment 0— 0— 5
& also for Defect of Count[ry] & County Rate in the yere 80: for
Joseph Porter 0—13—3
& to Wm Rayment 0—4
to be allowed to Rice Edwards in the yere 80: & now to his son Benjamin: 3^{s}—of Rice his 15^{s} to the ministry rate —
Also to the ministry rate in 80:
for Capt. Rayment ———————— 0—1—00

Due to Henery Haget 5^{s} & 2^{d} in mony |forthwith| & for his time 8^{s} to be referd: to the towne: —

To Thos. Fiske Rate 81
—— 5s —— to Mr Gerrish
to towne & Country 4s
& to Goodwife Gears Rate —2s—

(*page 14)

Bounds of [Smiths Farm]

* [The Bounds of (*worn off*)†]

† *This probably relates to "Mr. Smith's Farm" for on the cover of the Record Book is written in the handwriting of Wm Rogers, Town Clerk in* 1716.

It Begins at the: side of Richard Dodg his last grant: of 40 akers: & bears 160 poall: in breadth & Runns, from the heither end to a litle: slipe: of midow: which is 400: poall in Length: wch Conteineth 400: Akers from it Runes 160: poalls: up towards Mr Blackleech his farme: butt: from: the slipe: of midowe aforsaid it is inlarged to be 200: poalls the sids are bounded one side to the ould planters midows the other by Ipswich bounds —acording as the trees:

{page 10 & page 14 Smiths Setlement page 54 55
(*see page* 13 *and pages* 76-78 *of this Copy*)}

Ar marked in the Range:

(*page 2) Voters

*Whither all that are house holders & hav land in the towne under ther owne & are not under the Ch[arge]

Whither that all that are under age & under the Jurisdiction of there parents or masters or have no land in the towne of theire have power of voate & they onely:

[*Outside page at the end of the book]

* Esdras Read
Phineas Fisk
Samuell Foster
Edward Kemp 4/16
Austen Killim 4/16
Mr Fiske
James Moulton
Edward Kemp 1/16
Edward Spaulding
Wm Gear
Tho Fiske

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* Richard Gouldsmith	Leiut Fiske	23	Leiut Gott	14	
	En: Fairefield	23	Thos. Patch	16	
Edward Walding	Thos. Fiske	13	Sam[ll] Kemball	9	
John Shiply Junior					
Robert Gowing					

[*Inside of cover at the end of the book]

* The Brands of every Towne

(*page 4) Brand Marks

C	Charlestowne
⦶	Cambridg
⦶	Concord
S	Salem
$	Salsbury
$	Strawberybanck
D	Dorchester
d	Dedham
Ꝑ	Dover
B	Boston
B	Brantry
R	Roxberry
Y	Redding
W	Wattertowne
M	Waymoth
WB	Wooburne
W	Wenham
E	Exiter
L	Lin
ꝗ	Ipswich
N	Nubury
H	Hingham
R	Hampton
H	Haverell
G	Gloster
M	Medford
m	Manchester
R	Rowley

*[ ]	19
Mr. Newman	8
Ensigne Fiske	27
Lieft. Goot	18
Serjent Fairefield	19
Thos. Fiske	19

[*Outside page at the beginning of the book]

Serjt. Huttn	14
James Freind	9
Samuell Kemball	14
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S: F:	12
T: F:	16
L: G:	13
S: H:	9
J: F:	7
E: F:	18

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† 170[0] S O S X 3 . J J L I S Z m ² n h e†

July 29 — 1/3d —— ——	0—1—3
Novb 24 ministers rate	0—4—0
Decb 1 —— —— —— —	0—5—3
	0—0—9
Ditto 4 —— ——	0—1—0
Ditto 26 —— ——	0—0—8
Janry 26 —— ——	0—0—9
	3—2
Febry 16 —— ——	0—3

(END—)

† *These are short-hand characters, much in use at that time. The best rendering I can give them is "School-masters' rates for Mr. Fiske." The last three words are the only ones I am sure of.* W. P. U.

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1654

Phineas Fiske
Charles Gott
John Fiske

1655

Mr. Gott
Phineas Fiske
Richard Hutton

1656

Mr. Gott
Phineas Fiske
Richard Hutton

1657

Mr. Gott
Phineas Fiske
Richard Kimball

1658

None recorded

1659

Austin Killim
Richard Hutton
Wm. Geare

1660

Mr. Gott
Austin Killim
Phineas Fiske

1661

Mr. Gott
John Fiske
Richard Kimball

1662

Austin Killim
Goodman Moulton
Thomas Fiske

1663

Austin Killam
Richard Kimball
Thomas Fiske

1664

Mr. Gott
Richard Kimball
Thomas Fiske

1665

Richard Kimball
Richard Hutton
Thomas Fiske

1666

Mr. Gott
Richard Kimball, Sr.
Thomas Fiske

1667

Mr. Gott
Richard Kimball, Sr.
Thomas Fiske

1668

Walter Fairfield
John Fiske
Mark Batchelder
Thomas Fiske

1669

John Fiske
Richard Kimball
Thomas Fiske

1670

Richard Kimball
John Fiske
Thomas Fiske

1671

Mark Batchelder
Walter Fairfield
Charles Gott

1672

Richard Kimball
Mark Batchelder
Thomas Fiske

1673

John Fiske
Mark Batchelder
Thomas Fiske

1674

Richard Kimball
Walter Fairfield
Thomas Fiske

1675

None recorded

1676
Charles Gott
Walter Fairfield
Richard Hutton
William Fiske
Thomas Fiske

1677
John Fiske
Charles Gott
William Fiske
John Batchelder
Thomas Fiske

1678
Walter Fairfield
Charles Gott
William Fiske
John Batchelder
Thomas Fiske

1679
Walter Fairfield
John Batchelder
Charles Gott
William Fiske
Thomas Fiske, Sr.

1680
Walter Fairfield
William Fiske
James Friend
Richard Hutton
Richard Dodge

1681
John Fiske
Charles Gott
John Batchelder
Thomas Patch
Thomas Fiske, Jr.

1682
Wm. Fiske
Charles Gott
Richard Hutton
Samuel Kimball
Thomas Fiske, Sr.

1683
Lieut. Gott
Ens. Fiske
Sergt. Fairfield
John Batchelder
Thomas Fiske, Sr.

1684
Lieut. Gott
Ens. Fiske
Sergt. Fairfield
Corpl. John Batchelder
Thomas Fiske, Sr.

1685
Lieut. Gott
Ens. Fiske
Sergt. Fairfield
Corpl. Batchelder
Thomas Fiske

1686
Lieut. Fiske
Ens. Fairfield
Lieut. Gott
Sergt. Hutton
Samuel Kimball

1687
John Batchelder
Richard Dodge
Walter Fairfield
Thomas Patch
James Moulton, Sr.

1688
Ens. Fairfield
John Batchelder
James Moulton, Sr.
Lieut. Fiske
James Friend
Thomas Fiske, Sr.

1689
Dea. Fiske
Lieut. Gott
Richard Hutton
Thomas Fiske
James Friend

1690
Lieut. Fiske
Ens. Batchelder
Sergt. Hutton
Samuel Kimball
Thomas Fiske, Sr.

1691
Lieut. Wm. Fiske
Charles Gott.
Ens. Batchelder
Thomas Fiske, Sr.
John Perkins

1692
Richard Hutton
John Porter
James Friend
Mr. Newman
Thomas Fiske, Sr.

1693

Lieut. Wm. Fiske
James Friend
John Porter
Mr. Newman
Thomas Fiske, Sr.

1694

Lieut. Wm. Fiske
Mr. Newman
Ens. Batchelder
Samuel Kimball
Wm. Fairfield

1695

Capt. Thomas Fiske
Lieut. Wm. Fiske
Ens. Walter Fairfield
Wm. Fairfield
John Newman

1696

Capt. Thomas Fiske
Ens. Walter Fairfield
John Batchelder, Sr.
James Friend
John Newman

1697

Serg. Thomas Patch
John Porter
Wm. Fairfield
John Perkins
John Newman

1698

Capt. Thomas Fiske
Dea. Wm. Fiske
Ens. Walter Fairfield
Samuel Kimball
John Newman

1699

Serg. James Friend
Ens. John Porter
Wm. Fairfield
Thomas Kimball
John Newman

1700

Capt. Thomas Fiske
Thomas Patch, Sr.
Samuel Kimball
Benjamin Edwards
Lieut. Wm. Fiske

1701

Capt. Thomas Fiske
Ens. John Porter
Benjamin Edwards
Wm. Fairfield
John Newman

1702

Ens. Walter Fairfield
Ens. John Porter
James Friend
Thomas Patch
Thomas Fiske, Sr.

1703

Dea. Fiske
Lieut. Thomas Fiske
Ens. Porter
James Friend
Thomas Fiske, Sr.

1704

Dea. Wm. Fiske
Dea. James Friend
Walter Fairfield
Lieut. Thomas Fiske
Serg. Samuel Kimball

1705

Dea. James Friend
Lieut. John Porter
Benjamin Edwards
Samuel Kimball
Thomas Fiske, Sr.

1706

John Gott
Thomas Kimball
Thomas Patch
Dea. Friend
Nathl. Fairfield

TOWN TREASURERS

1695 Lieut. Chas. Gott
1696-97 Capt. Thos. Fiske
1700 Sergt. Thos. Patch
1701 John Newman
1702 Thos. Fiske, Jr.
1703-4 John Perkins
1705 John Gott
1706-9 Thos. Fisk

TOWN CLERKS

1644-54 Wm. Fiske
1654-94 Thos. Fiske
1695-1701 John Newman
1702-5 Thos. Fiske

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1644 Joseph Batchelder
1645 Mr. Sparrowhawk
1646 Mr. Auditor
1647 Wm. Fisk
1648 Esdras Reade
1652 Wm. Fiske
1653 Phineas Fiske
1654 Chas. Gott
1666 Chas. Gott
1669 John Fisk
1671-72 Thos. Fisk
1678-80 Thos. Fisk
1681 John Fisk
1686 Thos. Fisk.
1692 Walter Fairfield
1694 Thos. Fiske
1697 Thos. Fiske
1698-99 John Newman
1700 Walter Fairfield
1701 Wm. Fisk
1702 John Newman
1703 Mr. Thos. Patch Sr.
1704-6 Dea. Wm. Fisk

CONSTABLES

1644 Phineas Fiske
1654 John Fiske
1655 Robt. Hawes
1657 Jas. Moulton
1667 Jas. Moulton, Jr.
1668 Daniel Gott
1669 Henry Kimball
1670 Wm. Fiske
1671 John Abby
1672 Wm. Fiske
1673 Thos. Hobbs, Jr.
Richard Dodge
1674 Thos. Hobbs
Thos. Patch
1676 John Fiske
—— Fairfield
1677 Samuel Kemball
1678 Richard Hutton, Sr.
1679 Samuel Moulton
1680 Thos. Fiske, Jr.
1681 Henry Haget
1682 Robert Hibbert
1683 John Porter
1684 John Edwards
1685 John Bare
1686 Benj. Edwards
1687 John Perkins
1688 Samuel Fiske
1689 Thos. Kimball
1690 Samuel Fiske
1691 John Dodge
1692 Wm. Fairfield
1693 Nathl. Waldron
Chas. Gott, Jr.
1694 Jos. Fowler
1695 Joseph Herrick
John Dennis
1696 James Friend
Richard Dodge
1697 Richard Dodge
James Friend
1698 Ens. John Batchelder
Sergt. Thomas Patch
1699 Thomas Kellum
John Coy
1700 Theophilus Rix
John Edwards